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Local history is the ultimate substance of national history—Wilson

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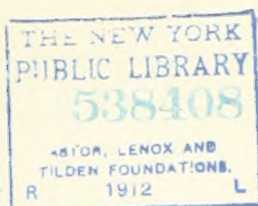
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Pete E. Shugart



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## PETE E. SHUGART.

A country has but one ruler, be he king, emperor or president; there is but one man at the head in military and political circles, but the field of business is limitless and its opportunities many. There are so many avenues of activity and such demand for efficient service that any individual may steadily work his way upward if he has energy and determination and counts honesty among his salient qualities. Pete E. Shugart is numbered among those who have not feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way. Proving his worth in the business world, prosperity has crowned his efforts, and he is today one of the extensive railroad contractors of Iowa. He makes his home in Nevada but was born on the east side of the Mississippi, his birth having occurred in Princeton, Illinois, January 8, 1865. His parents were Dr. G. W. and Catherine (Huffman) Shugart, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively. Their last days, however, were spent in Nevada, where the father died in 1907, after devoting his life to the practice of veterinary surgery. The family came to this city in 1872 from Princeton, Illinois.

Pete E. Shugart is the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children, the record being as follows: John A., a resident of Ames; Frances, the wife of John Prior, of Nevada; Philip, also living in Ames; Libbie, the wife of Douglas Brunson, of Des Moines; Pete E.; Charles, who was killed on the railroad at the age of twenty-one years; Mollie, who became the wife of Robert Corcilius and died in Central City, Nebraska; and William, of Sturgis, South Dakota.

Pete E. Shugart was a lad of seven years at the time of the removal to Iowa, residing with his father upon a farm five miles southwest of Nevada until eighteen years of age, during which period he acquired his education in the country schools. He then took up his abode at the county seat and gave his attention to railroading in the summer months and to teaming in the winter seasons. He worked as a day laborer on the railroad at first but gradually won promotion and eventually became a railroad contractor, to which business he has devoted his energies for about eighteen

years. His time has been principally given to railroad grading, yet he has done some bridge work and during the past five years he has been awarded many extensive and important contracts. He built over two hundred and fifty miles of railroad in 1910 in the Dakotas and had railroad contracts throughout the middle west. His first contract was in grading for the coast line from Ames. He built eighty five miles of the coast line of the Milwaukee railroad west of the Missouri river in the summer of 1907 and had over twelve hundred teams, of which he owned one hundred and twenty five, while about fifteen hundred men were employed at that time. In the same summer he built forty miles of the South Dakota Central Railroad between Arlington and Watertown. Four years ago he constructed an electric line between Ames and Des Moines, and in 1909 and 1910 he built over three hundred and fifty miles of railroad, while during the past four years he has built altogether six hundred miles. He is the largest team contractor in the state of Iowa. Team work is his specialty but he also does some shovel work.

As he has prospered in his undertakings and has seen opportunity for judicious investment, Mr. Shugart has made extensive purchases of land until he is now the owner of three thousand, two hundred and eighty acres in Story county, his holdings exceeding that of any other landed property in the county. He also has four hundred and fifty acres in Palo Alto county, Iowa, and is extensively engaged in feeding hogs and cattle and every winter ships about a thousand head of horses. He also feeds about five hundred head of cattle each winter and his sale of hogs in 1909 amounted to over twenty thousand dollars. He is the largest cattle feeder in the county and upon his different farms he has erected a number of large barns especially built for feeding. He can feed one hundred and fifty five head of horses in his two barns in Nevada. He also built the Savery livery in Des Moines. This is the largest livery barn in the state and was erected at a cost of over twenty thousand dollars. He owned it for a time, then sold it. He did all of the grading for the armory post at Des Moines and built all of the macadam roads there. He is one of the largest stockholders in the First National Bank of Nevada and although he started out empty-handed, with no special training for his work, he is today one of the most successful men of this part of the state and his labors have been of a character that have contributed much to general progress and improvement as well as to individual success. At this writing Mr. Shugart is carrying on his contracting business as the senior partner of the firm of Shugart & Barnes Brothers, the partnership having been formed in the summer of 1910. He is also associated with Bert B. Welby and Philip Lee, of Ames, Iowa, in grading a tract of land of thirty acres adjoining Nevada on the southeast. They purchased this and are now grading all of the streets. They have sold many of the lots and Mr. Shugart has recently erected there four good cottages. The district is known as Ames Park Addition.



On the 4th of July, 1889, Mr. Shugart was married to Miss Edith Banks, who was born in Rockford county, Illinois, January 9, 1870, and was brought to Story county in infancy by her parents, A. K. and Sarah (Rice) Banks. Her father was for twelve years sheriff of Story county and a prominent and influential citizen here but is now a resident of Des Moines. He was born September 21, 1845, and his wife was born February 25, 1851. Their marriage was celebrated December 31, 1868. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shugart have been born three children: Eva L., born May 9, 1890, is a student in the Northwestern University at Chicago, doing special work in elocution and physical culture. Charles A., born May 4, 1893, died on the 7th of October of that year. Thelma Lois, born October 12, 1899, is at home.

The Shugart residence is one of the finest homes in Nevada and was erected by Mr. Shugart in 1900. No record in this volume perhaps indicates more clearly the value and force of close application, unfaltering determination and unquestioned reliability. There have been no esoteric phases in his entire career. He has sought and won his success along the lines indicated and is respected and honored by all for what he has accomplished.

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### JAMES A. McKEE.

James A. McKee, postmaster of Cambridge, to which position he was appointed on the 22d of July, 1909, has since filled the position to the satisfaction of the general public. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Story county, his birth having occurred in Union township on the 13th of February, 1857, his parents being Hugh and Mary Ann (Harper) McKee, both of whom were natives of Ireland. In 1853, in early manhood and womanhood, they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, their marriage being celebrated in Ironton, Ohio, in 1854. A year later they came to Story county, Iowa, taking up their abode among the earliest settlers of this district. Mr. McKee entered a quarter section of land, built a log cabin and later erected a modern frame dwelling. He remained on this farm until within five or six years of his death, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Cambridge, where his demise occurred in 1903. The period of his residence in this county covered almost a half century and he was well known and highly esteemed as one of its pioneer settlers and substantial agriculturists. His widow still survives and makes her home in Cambridge, where she has a host of warm friends.

James A. McKee remained on the home farm until about twenty-two years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, being thus busily engaged for a few years. Subsequently he came to Cambridge and embarked in the butchering business, being connected therewith

for seven years. On the expiration of that period he began dealing in live stock and for about thirteen years was one of the best known stockmen of the county. He was appointed postmaster at Cambridge on the 22d of July, 1887, and, abandoning his live stock interests, has since devoted his entire attention to the discharge of his official duties.

On the 11th of September, 1888, Mr. McKee was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Nellis, of Cambridge, Iowa. They have one son, Ray, born October 22, 1893, who assists his father and holds the office of assistant postmaster.

Mr. McKee gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has long wielded a powerful influence in its local ranks. For six years, from 1903 until 1909, he served as mayor of Cambridge, his administration being characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Cambridge Lodge, No. 486, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, to which his wife also belongs. Having spent his entire life in Story county, he has gained an extensive circle of warm friends who entertain for him the utmost regard and esteem because of his many excellent traits of character.

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### CHARLES EDWIN OLINGER.

Charles Edwin Olinger, a prominent resident of Maxwell, is now living practically retired, giving his attention only to the care and management of his properties. He was formerly identified with agricultural pursuits in Story county and also conducted a real-estate and insurance business for a number of years. He was born in Indian Creek township, this county, on the 20th March, 1868, his birth occurring on the Olinger farm—a part of the present site of Maxwell. His father and mother, George W. and Anna Eliza (John) Olinger, were both natives of Carroll county, Indiana, coming to Story county, Iowa, with their respective parents. The Olinger family made their way to Polk county, Iowa, in 1853, while the following year witnessed their arrival in Story county. Here the parents of our subject were married and established their home. George W. Olinger acquired half of the old homestead farm of two hundred acres, the other half belonging to his brother, James M. He devoted his time and energies to the work of the field until called to his final rest, passing away on the 6th of December, 1899, in the parish of the Presbyterian church, to which his widow also belongs. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he held the office of township trustee and also served as a member of the school board for many years. His widow, who still survives and makes her home with our subject, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which she has so long resided.



Charles Edwin Olinger was reared under the parental roof, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. When nineteen years of age he began teaching, following that profession for two years and abandoning it on the day that he attained his majority. During that period he also worked at farming, being closely identified with general agricultural pursuits until 1892, when he embarked in the real-estate and insurance business. In addition to his interests in this connection he also operated his farm until he disposed of it in 1899. In the spring of 1900 he opened an office in Maxwell and devoted his entire attention to real estate and insurance, being prominently and successfully identified with this field of business activity until 1909, since which time he has given his supervision solely to the care and management of his properties. He is a director of the People's State Bank and was one of the organizers of that institution as well as of the Farmers Grain Company of Maxwell.

Mr. Olinger has been married twice. On the 1st of October, 1889, he wedded Miss Elsie A. Ludlow, of Jasper county, Iowa, by whom he had four children, two of whom are yet living, namely: Byron K., who holds a clerkship in the First National Bank of Nevada, Iowa; and Mildred J., a high school student. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 11th of September, 1905, and on the 12th of May, 1907, Mr. Olinger was again married, his second union being with Miss Jennie M. Comer, of Northville, South Dakota. They now have two children, Edwin Comer and George Donald.

In politics Mr. Olinger is a republican. He takes an especial interest in educational matters, is president of the board of school directors, was a member of the board when the present handsome school building was erected and has done much to bring the Maxwell schools up to their present high state of efficiency. Fraternally he is identified with Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M., while both he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His entire life has been spent in Story county and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of its leading and representative citizens.

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#### KEITH R. FRAZIER.

Keith R. Frazier, one of the leading business men of Story county, is at the head of the firm of K. R. Frazier & Company of Colo, dealers in lumber, grain, coal, etc. His birth occurred in Champaign county, Illinois, on the 11th of December, 1878, his parents being Robert A. and Mary J. (Friesner) Frazier. The father, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, about 1848, removed when a young man to Champaign county, Illinois, where he was married and identified himself with the grain and lumber business, there conducting an enterprise of this character until 1892.

In that year he came to Story county and established himself in the grain and coal business at Nevada, purchasing a mill and elevator combined, which he remodelled to make a commodious elevator building. He has thus been prominently identified with the business interests of Nevada continuously since and is widely recognized as a prosperous and influential resident of the town. In 1902 he assisted in the organization of the People's Savings Bank, was chosen its president and has served in that capacity to the present time.

Karl R. Frazier was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the Nevada high school, while later he attended the University of Iowa. He early became familiar with his father's business in principle and detail, ably assisting in its conduct. On the 1st of October, 1902, he and his brother, Pearl Frazier, became partners of their father under the firm style of R. A. Frazier & Sons. In 1907 our subject disposed of his interest in the concern and, in association with his father, purchased the business of Shaw & Binder in Colo, where he has since dealt extensively in lumber, grain and coal as the head of the firm of K. R. Frazier & Company. He is likewise a stockholder in the Story County Independent Telephone Company and enjoys an enviable reputation as a young man of excellent business ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination.

In 1907 Mr. Frazier was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle McDole, of Eddyville, Iowa. Mrs. Frazier is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, exemplifying its teachings in her daily life. Mr. Frazier is well known here and in all of his dealings with his fellowmen has demonstrated his right to their regard and confidence.

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### EDGAR WILLIAMS STANTON.

Every citizen of Ames is justly proud of the Iowa State College and the position to which it has attained among the educational institutions of the country. It is the visible evidence of the labors and devotion of a number of men to the profession to which they have consecrated their lives. It is a widely acknowledged fact that the most important work to which a man can direct his energies is that of teaching, whether it be from the pulpit, from the lecture platform or from the schoolroom. The foundation of character-building is laid in youth and the impressionable mind of the young readily receives the lessons that have important bearing upon his entire future life. The realization of this fact has made Professor Stanton bold to high ideals not only in methods of instruction in the particular branches assigned to him in his college work but also in the personal conduct and the trend of thought and interests which constitute an ever present example for the student.



*E. W. Stanton*





A native of Pennsylvania, Professor Stanton was born at Waymart, Wayne county. He is descended from Thomas Stanton, who landed in Virginia in January, 1635, from the merchantman Bonaventura, and who in the following year removed to Boston, Massachusetts, and thence, in 1639, to Hartford, Connecticut. This ancestor was prominent in the Pequot and other Indian wars and in the early life of the colony. The line of descent is traced down from Thomas Stanton through John, John and David to Colonel Asa Stanton, who was a native of Connecticut and an active participant in the Revolutionary war. He served both in the army and infant navy of the colonies and, being captured, was confined for a considerable time on the prison ship Jersey. His son, Asa Stanton, born in Paupack, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1793, was the father of Fitz Henry Stanton, who was born at Waymart, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1823. Fitz Henry Stanton became successively a lumberman, railroad official and farmer, the farm on which he died, in 1906, having come into the possession of his grandfather in 1793. He was married on the 30th of June, 1844, to Mary Rounds, a daughter of Arba and Sarah Rounds.

Professor Stanton, of Ames, son of Fitz Henry and Mary (Rounds) met the usual experiences of youth passed on a Pennsylvania farm in the '60s. His home training helped to establish habits of industry and a recognition of the value and worth of time and money. He enjoyed farm life in its various phases but desired to get out into the great, busy world and gain a broader knowledge of life than could be obtained within the circumscribed limits of the home farm. His inclination was toward mechanical and business pursuits yet into other channels his energies were directed and Iowa gained thereby one of her foremost educators. He was a pupil in the public schools of Waymart and in the normal school of that place prior to entering the Delaware Literary Institute of Franklin, Delaware county, New York. This is a preparatory school, then under the charge of Professor George W. Jones, afterward professor of mathematics at the Iowa State College at Ames and later professor of mathematics at Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York. On the completion of his preparatory work in the Delaware Literary Institute he sought the opportunity of pursuing a college course where he could meet his expenses by working at the institution. Not finding any such opportunity in the east, he wrote to Professor Jones, of Ames, Iowa, having previously worked for him while attending school in Franklin. In reply he was told to come on at once and, making his way westward, he entered the sophomore class of the Iowa State College, living in the home of Professor Jones during the remainder of his student life, doing work about the house and also clerical work in the office of the college cashier. Such was his recognized ability and scholarship that on the day of his graduation, in November, 1872, he was elected instructor in mathematics in the college and throughout the intervening years to the present time has been continuously a teacher there, his labors constituting one of the strong and forceful elements in the

development of the school and in the maintenance of the high standard that has placed the college among the foremost educational institutions of the middle west. He was assistant professor of mathematics from the 1st of March, 1874, until March 1, 1878, when he was made professor of mathematics and political economy, so continuing until September 1, 1900. Since the latter date his entire time and attention, owing to the growth of the school, have been given, in instructional lines, to mathematics. He has also had voice in the management of the institution for thirty-seven years, or since the 10th of November, 1874, when he was made secretary of the board of trustees. He acted in that capacity continuously until July 1, 1900, when he was elected secretary of the college. He was also acting president from November 13, 1890, until February 17, 1891, and again in 1902-3 and since August 19, 1910. He has likewise been dean of the junior college from the 11th of September, 1903, to the present time. Throughout the entire period of his connection with the school he has labored earnestly and zealously to extend its influence, to improve its methods and to make its course of instruction of practical value as a preparation for the duties and responsibilities of life. Reading and research have kept him in touch with the work that is being done by the most prominent educators of this and other lands, and sound judgment has enabled him to glean from their methods many ideas which, adapted to the work of Iowa College, have proven of inestimable value. Moreover, his initiative spirit has enabled him to originate many plans of worth to the institution and methods of instruction which have worked out most satisfactorily in the schoolroom.

In other connections Professor Stanton has displayed excellent business ability, being interested in both farming and banking. Through economy and fortunate investment in Iowa land and industrial enterprises of the state he has acquired a fair competence. While not without that laudable ambition for the attainment of success, which is the stimulus of all industry, in an effort to provide the comforts of life for his family, he has also been actuated by the higher motives of contributing to the world's intellectual progress which constitutes the basis of an advancing civilization.

On the 22d of February, 1877, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Professor Stanton was united in marriage to Miss Margaret P. McDonald, who pursued her education in the Muskingum College of Ohio and the Mount Pleasant (Iowa) Ladies Seminary, being a graduate of the latter institution. She was afterward professor of French and preceptress of the Iowa State College from 1870 until 1878. She passed away July 25, 1895, her death being deeply regretted by all who knew her, for her broad culture and splendid womanly qualities had endeared her to all with whom she had been brought in contact. The woman's building on the campus of Iowa College has been named Margaret Hall in her honor, while her husband as a memorial to her presented to the college the Margaret Hall chimes.



consisting of eleven bells manufactured by Taylor Brothers of England and now occupying the beautiful campanile on the campus.

Professor and Mrs. Stanton became the parents of four children. Edwin McDonald, born July 31, 1879, was married February 26, 1908, to Miss Maude McDougall, of Brockville, Canada. He was graduated from the scientific course in Iowa State College in 1898, was for two years a student in Michigan University and was graduated from the medical department of the Pennsylvania State University in 1903. For two years thereafter he was assistant in the Bender Research Laboratory of Albany, New York, and for two and a half years was with Dr. Oxner, of Chicago. He is now junior partner of the firm of McMullen & Stanton, practicing surgeons of Schenectady, New York. Roger Williams, the second son, born February 2, 1882, died on the 30th of May of the same year. Margaret Beaumont, born May 16, 1883, was graduated from the Iowa State College in 1902 and spent the following year in post-graduate work at Bryn Mawr. She afterward devoted two years to post-graduate work in Wisconsin University, winning the Master of Arts degree in 1908. She was awarded a scholarship in the department of history for 1909 and is now instructor of history of the State Preparatory School at Boulder, Colorado. Edgar Williams Stanton, Jr., the youngest son, born January 19, 1887, was graduated at Ames College in 1907 with the Civil Engineer degree, did post-graduate work at the Wisconsin University in 1909-10 in hydraulic engineering, and now is irrigation engineer at Gridley, California.

Four years after the death of his first wife Professor Stanton was married, on the 21st of December, 1899, to Miss Julia A. Wentch, of Traer, Iowa. She was graduated from the Iowa State College in 1888, was instructor in mathematics in the Beatrice (Neb.) high school from 1889 until 1903, and instructor in mathematics in Iowa State College from 1893 until 1896 and again in 1898-9. In 1896-7 she was a post-graduate student in the Chicago University. She is very prominent in the club and social life of the college and city and has been president of the Ames library board from 1905 to the present time. The only child of this marriage is Barbara Stanton, born October 15, 1904.

Professor Stanton has always given his political allegiance to the republican party but has never been an aspirant for office. He belongs to the Congregational church and labors earnestly to promote its growth and extend its influence. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing him to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions but there are as dominating elements in his individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained for him the respect and confidence of men. The

Iowa State College is in considerable measure a monument to his life work, but greater than even this is the monument that he has builded in the lives of those pupils who have been influenced by his instruction and stimulated and inspired by the example which every teacher consciously or unconsciously sets before his pupils.

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### SEVERT J. SEVERSON.

To few men are given the pleasure and gratification of looking back over half a century of their lives spent upon the place of their birth and reflecting that by their individual efforts they have contributed in no undue measure to the development and growth of the community in which they reside, and the history of Union township, Story county, would be incomplete without a record of the life work of Severt J. Severson, who was born March 15, 1855, a son of John and Betsy (Aspland) Severson, both of whom were natives of Norway. They came to this country while in their youth, locating in Illinois, where they were married and resided until 1855. In the spring of that year they removed to Story county, Iowa, and upon his arrival Mr. Severson entered five quarter sections of government land, two quarters of which were in Palestine township and three in Union township. On the latter property he built a log cabin, located on the farm where his son now resides. Here he carried on the pursuit of agriculture until the time of his death, which occurred in 1877 in England while he was returning from a visit to Norway. The faithful wife and mother survived him for eight years and then she too passed away.

Severt J. Severson was reared on the home farm, where he has spent his entire life, obtaining his early education in the district schools, which at that time were exceedingly limited in their facilities. Being naturally ambitious, however, he acquired enough book knowledge to enable him to adapt it to the pursuit of every day life. Possessed of the sterling qualities of thrift and industry which characterized his father, he, when but twenty years old, bought the home farm, of which he had been previously in charge. In conjunction with his brother John J., he purchased three quarter sections, and later bought forty acres, which he added this to his other property. From time to time he acquired additional land in North Dakota, his first purchase there having been made in 1903, in Cavalier county, his holdings in that state now amounting to eight hundred acres. At the present time he owns three hundred acres in Union township, this county, one hundred acres of which is located two miles east of the home farm. Mr. Severson has contributed to the welfare of his township, always having its interest at heart. Although at first giving his attention to general agriculture, he subsequently made a specialty of raising hogs, and, having unusual knowledge in this branch of farming, he has met with unqualified success.

On November 2, 1876, Mr. Severson was united in marriage to Miss Arabella Sheldahl, a daughter of Eric and Betsy (Ness) Sheldahl, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father emigrated to the United States in 1845, the mother arriving two years later and both locating in Kendall county, Illinois, where they were married. In 1856 they came to Story county, Iowa, and here Mr. Sheldahl entered one hundred and twenty acres of government land, to which he later added by purchasing forty acres of adjoining land. Owing to his splendid business ability and years of well directed labor he is now enabled to live in retirement, which he has done for the past ten years, making his home in Roland, Story county. He resigned the management of the farm to his sons, who are conducting it in the same capable manner as did their father. To Mr. and Mrs. Severson were born seven children, namely: Edwin, a lawyer in Stanley, North Dakota, is married and has one son, Edgar. Bertha is the wife of Jans Igland, a farmer residing in North Dakota, where he owns three hundred and twenty acres of land, and they have two daughters, Anna and Sylvia. Oscar, Martin and Arthur own about eleven hundred acres of land in North Dakota, upon which they now reside. Bessie is the wife of Henry Scala, a carpenter of Story county, and they have two children, Wilfred and Arnold. **Elmer is at home with his parents.**

In politics Mr. Severson has always given his support to the republican party and has devoted his spare time to the welfare of his township, having served as road supervisor and a member of the school board for several years. Not only has he reached a conspicuous position among the business men of Story county—he has shown what splendid success can be attained as the result of well directed efforts and determination and he stands today one of the most highly esteemed and honored citizens of Union township.

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### CHARLES A. COOPER.

Charles A. Cooper, one of the successful and enterprising agriculturists of Collins township is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land comprising the northwest quarter of section 5. His birth occurred in Lee county, Illinois, on the 12th of December, 1857, his parents being John and Charlotte (Black) Cooper, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to the United States, locating in Lee county, Illinois, where the father passed away in June, 1870. The mother subsequently wedded Thurman Collins, likewise a native of the Emerald isle, whose demise occurred about ten years ago. Mrs. Collins still survives and yet makes her home in Lee county, Illinois.

Charles A. Cooper was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education but his opportunities in this direction were somewhat limited. He lost his father when little more



than twelve years of age and, being the second oldest in a family of seven children, was obliged to assist in the support of his younger sisters and brothers. He remained with his mother until twenty-three years of age and in the spring of 1881 launched his ship on the sea of life, coming west to Iowa and arriving in Colo. Story county, with but five cents in his pocket. Immediately making preparations to follow an agricultural career, he began the operation of a rented farm in New Albany township the following summer and was thus actively engaged in the work of the fields there for a period of fifteen years. In the spring of 1890 he bought eighty acres of his present farm and two years later purchased an adjoining tract of similar size, taking up his abode thereon in the spring of 1895. The farm embraces the northwest quarter of section 5, Collins township, and has remained his place of residence for the past sixteen years. The property was unimproved when it came into his possession and all of the buildings thereon stand as monuments to his enterprise and industry. Mr. Cooper makes a specialty of raising Duroc Jersey hogs and for several years past has been feeding at least one carload each of cattle and hogs. He is widely recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists of the community and his success is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

On the 4th of March, 1883, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Black, of Lee county, Illinois, her parents being James and Sarah (Wynn) Black, both natives of Ireland. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children, four of whom are still living, as follows: Edith, the wife of Jesse Fry, who cultivates eighty acres of her father's farm; and Hattie, Fern and Leo, all at home.

In politics Mr. Cooper is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with Crescent Camp, No. 2358, M. W. A. Both he and his wife belong to Sunbeam Lodge, No. 181, Mystic Workers of the World. During his residence in Story county he has made an excellent record for upright manhood and honorable citizenship and may well be classed with the representative men of the community.

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### CHARLES D. BARKER.

Charles D. Barker, a prominent and wealthy agriculturist of Union township, is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of Story county's most valuable land. His birth occurred in the state of New York on the 7th of August, 1855, his father being Jesse Barker, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. He was reared at home and in the common schools acquired his education. When about twenty-three years of age he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for a short time. About 1880 he purchased eighty acres of his present home

farm, paying but fifteen hundred dollars for the tract. He has since placed many substantial improvements on the property, including a modern and attractive residence and other necessary buildings. As his financial resources have increased he has added to his holdings until they now embrace three hundred and twenty acres of very valuable and productive land. His farm is well drained, for he recently laid fifteen thousand tile. Following progressive and practical methods in the conduct of his agricultural interests, he has won a gratifying measure of success and is widely recognized as a prosperous and leading resident of the community.

Mr. Barker has traveled a great deal, having made extended trips almost yearly and visiting nearly every state in the Union as well as Mexico, Canada, Cuba and British Columbia. In the winter of 1910-11 he visited the isthmus of Panama. Being a keen observer, he has greatly benefited by his sojourns in different parts of America and possesses that knowledge and culture which only travel can bring. He is an expert with the camera and has many interesting views of the countries through which he has traveled. While away from home he has been a regular contributor to the local papers and his articles have attracted wide and favorable attention.

On the 31st of August, 1878, Mr. Barker was united in marriage to Miss Emily Eastman, of Union township, Story county, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Jane (Ball) Eastman. Her father was killed at New Orleans during the Civil war. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children, six of whom are yet living, as follows: Ada May, the wife of Frank Ray, of Indian Creek township, this county; Angie Ordell; Arthur Clinton; Leslie; Jesse; and Alta V. G.

Mr. Barker is a republican in politics but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. During a long residence in this county he has become widely known and is a man of many friends. His life history proves what may be accomplished by determined and honorable purpose. He has based his business principles and actions upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and industry and thus he has gained his present enviable position in the ranks of the leading citizens of Story county.

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#### WILLIAM W. POPE.

William W. Pope, who opened a modern and well appointed drug store at Cambridge in 1907, has since built up an extensive and lucrative trade in this connection. His birth occurred in Knoxville, Marion county, Iowa, on the 21st of May, 1880, his parents being William W. and Laura (Jenkins) Pope, natives of Indiana. The father came to Iowa in early manhood, soon after the close of the Civil war, while the mother came to this state as a child with her parents in the '40s, the family home being established in Marion county. William W. Pope, Sr., became one of Warren county's

successful agriculturists and was also engaged in the grain business for several years. At the present time he is living retired in Indianola.

William W. Pope was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in Simpson College. Subsequently he spent a year in the State University of Oregon and after returning to Iowa took a course in pharmacy at Highland Park College, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1905. He was then employed as a pharmacist at Des Moines for two years and in 1907 embarked in business on his own account, opening a drug store in Cambridge. During the past four years he has maintained a well equipped establishment of this character, his stock being tastefully arranged, while his honorable business methods and earnest desire to please his patrons have brought to him a gratifying trade.

On the 5th of August, 1908, Mr. Pope was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Schneider, of Fennimore, Wisconsin, by whom he has one child, John William. Mr. Pope gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Cambridge Lodge No. 319, in which he is filling the chair of chancellor commander. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Pope has attained a creditable measure of prosperity for one of his years, occupying a position among the representative and enterprising business men of Story county.

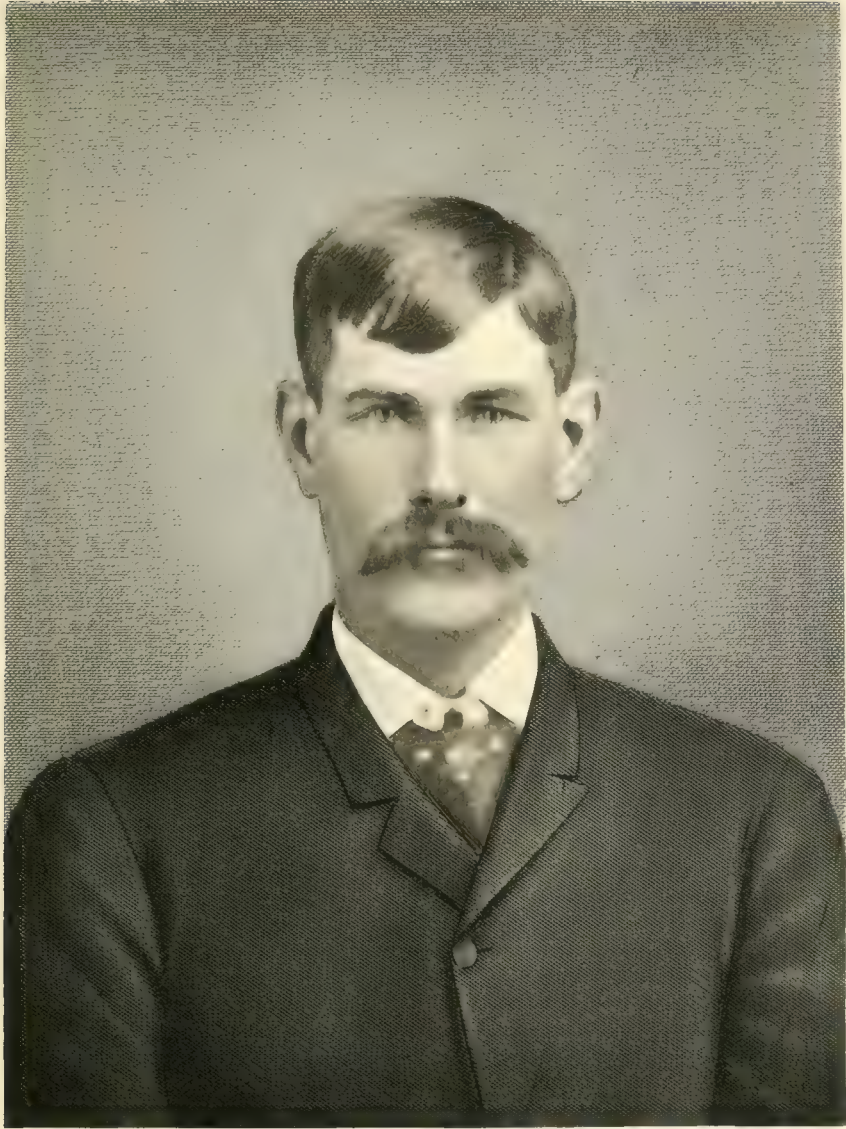
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#### DAVID W. BROWN.

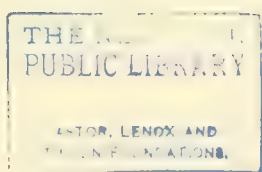
In the list of Story county's honored dead is to be found the name of David W. Brown, a highly successful farmer, who passed his entire life in this county and was intimately identified with its development. Born on the home farm July 10, 1866, he was the son of Levi and Louisa (Fancher) Brown, the former of whom was born at Hannibal, Oswego county, New York, and the latter in Tompkins county, New York. The father when seven years of age removed with his parents to Union county, Ohio, and in 1844 came to Lee county, Iowa, subsequently taking up his residence in Fulton county, Illinois. In 1865 he returned to Iowa and located in Story county, where he engaged with marked success in farming until his death, which took place September 6, 1892. He was an energetic man of practical business judgment and became the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of good land in this county.

David W. Brown received his education in the district schools and as he grew up devoted his attention to various duties about the house and farm with an interest which gave bright promise as to his future. At the age of seventeen years he took charge of the home place, which he cultivated on





*D. W. Brown*



his own account, and also purchased one hundred and twenty acres a mile south of the home farm, which he owned for fifteen years and then sold, acquiring one hundred and twenty acres immediately adjoining the homestead. Upon the death of his father he received his share of the estate—the old home and eighty acres of land, making his entire farm holdings amount to two hundred acres.

On the 31st of January, 1890, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Elva G. Evans, a daughter of Thomas P. and Emma M. (Day) Evans, both natives of Indiana. The father removed from Indiana to Illinois with his parents in early childhood. He grew up in that state and at the time of the Civil war served in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry, continuing through the entire rebellion. In 1866 he located in Story county, Iowa, and on December 18, 1870, was married to Miss Emma M. Day, who passed away June 7, 1890. Mr. Evans continued to make his home upon his farm until the last year of his life, when he took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. Brown, being called away October 12, 1909. He was one of the highly successful farmers of Collins township and was a man of unblemished character, very highly respected by the entire community. Politically he adhered to the democratic party and socially was identified with Amity Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, three of whom are now living, William Ray, Emma Blanche and Cloyd Myrl, all of whom are students in the public schools.

Mr. Brown from the time of arriving at voting age gave his support to the democratic party. He was not connected with any religious denomination, but Mrs. Brown is a valued member of the United Brethren church. He was for many years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and had many warm friends in that organization. Straightforward in business affairs and genial in manner, he readily made acquaintances, awakening in a remarkable degree the good-will of those with whom he came into contact. In all of the relations of life he was broad-minded and his aim was to be entirely just. He departed this life September 27, 1908. Mrs. Brown survives her husband and is living on the family homestead, devoting her time and energy to the interests of her children.

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#### CHARLES A. ROBISON.

Charles A. Robison, who devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, is the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and seventy acres in Indian Creek township. His birth occurred in that township on the 7th of October, 1864, his father being Robert A. Robison. More extended mention of the family is made in connection with the sketch of E. R. Robison, a brother of C. A. Robison, which may be found on another page of this volume.



Charles A. Robison was reared under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the public schools. In the summer of 1888 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating a portion of the home farm. The following fall he was married and established a home of his own, locating on one of his father's farms in Indian Creek township and residing thereon for six years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on the place where he has made his home continuously since and which he has developed into one of the highly improved farms of Indian Creek township. He built a modern, substantial residence and in fact his property is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. It comprises two hundred and seventy acres of valuable and productive land and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them.

On the 10th of October, 1888, Mr. Robison was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Emery, of Iowa Center, Story county. Her father, Dr. John Allen Emery, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to this county in 1855. A few months later his parents also came to Story county and at the end of two years removed to Elkhart, Iowa. Dr. Emery served in the army during the period of hostilities between the north and the south, was wounded by an exploding shell and experienced many of the hardships, rigors and dangers of war. He was captured in the siege of Vicksburg and was confined in Andersonville prison for eight months, and while with Sherman on his march to the sea he saw much arduous service. After returning home, his wound incapacitating him for manual labor, he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Keokuk Medical College with the class of 1873. Locating for practice in Elkhart, Iowa, he there remained until 1881, when he went to Boone and was made practicing physician for the miners at that place, having an average of three or four hundred men under his care. He was an able representative of his calling, being remarkably successful in solving the intricate problems which continually confront the physician.

After removing to Boone he purchased a farm in New Albany township, Story county, on which he located his family and to which he was preparing to retire when the accident occurred that resulted in his death on the 30th of November, 1884. His demise was occasioned by a runaway accident one day when he was out driving in company with the owners of the mine.

His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Dorothy Venneman, was a daughter of Lemuel Venneman, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of his son, L. J. Venneman, which appears on another page of this work. Mrs. Emery was an artist of no mean note, having pursued a three years' course in art at the Highland Park College. For some years following she gave private lessons in Des Moines, having a large class. Many of her paintings on china and canvas now adorn the home of our

subject. She was called to her final rest on the 6th of October, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Robison have one child, Hazel Dorothy, who is a graduate of the Nevada high school and also pursued the full musical course at Simpson College near Des Moines.

Mr. Robison is a republican in politics and has served as a member of the school board for several years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to lodge No. 104 at Nevada, while his wife and daughter are faithful members of the United Evangelical church. He has remained in Story county from his birth to the present time and that his has been an honorable and upright life is indicated by the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood.

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### CLAUDE G. DICKEY, M. D.

Dr. Claude G. Dickey, a well known and successful physician and surgeon of Cambridge, has enjoyed a steadily growing and most lucrative practice during the five years of his residence here. His birth occurred in Corning, Adams county, Iowa, on the 6th of September, 1876, his parents being Charles H. and Mercy (Sherman) Dickey, who are natives of western New York and Cleveland, Ohio, respectively. Charles H. Dickey was brought to this state by his parents when a boy, the family home being established in Delaware county, where he grew to manhood. He was a student in Lennox University at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and in 1863 enlisted for service in the Union army. When his term of enlistment had expired he returned to Iowa and eventually located in Adams county, where he became identified with general agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1883 he took up his abode at Maxwell, Story county, and was there successfully engaged in merchandising for a number of years. For the past four years he has lived retired, making his home with his wife and son Claude in Cambridge. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and he is a worthy exemplar of the craft. The period of his residence in this county covers more than a quarter of a century and he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

Claude G. Dickey was reared under the parental roof, pursuing his studies in the Maxwell high school and later at Iowa College of Grinnell, Iowa, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1900. In the fall of that year he took up the study of medicine, entering Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1903. Because of his scientific course at Grinnell he had been enabled to complete four years' work in three years and three months. Locating at Garden City, Hardin county, Iowa, he there followed his profession for two years and then came to Cambridge to take the practice of Dr.

M. C. Keith, who removed to Casper, Wyoming. In the intervening five years he has built up an extensive and remunerative patronage, having demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life.

In politics Dr. Dickey is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is identified with the Yeomen, the Modern Woodmen of America and Tabernacle Lodge No. 452, A. F. & A. M., of Cambridge. He maintains the strictest conformity to the highest professional ethics and enjoys in full measure the confidence and respect of his professional brethren as well as of the general public.

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### FREDERICK WALDEMAR LARSON.

Frederick Waldemar Larson, cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Cambridge and one of the valued citizens of the community, was born in Boone county, Illinois, April 7, 1865, and is the son of Jonas T. and Sina (Nessen) Larson. The parents were both natives of Norway and came to America on the same boat in 1861, their destination being Chicago. They were married in the Illinois metropolis and subsequently removed to Boone county, where they lived for two years, and then in 1866 came with an emigrant train to Story county, Iowa. The father purchased land two miles west of Cambridge in Union township and became one of the substantial farmers of that section. The mother was called away in 1881, and Mr. Larson was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Carrie Burreson, also a native of Norway. He had six children by his first marriage and seven by the second, and was summoned from earthly scenes in October, 1908, at the age of seventy-seven years. His second wife is still living. He was a staunch republican politically but being of a modest and retiring nature never sought public office. Religiously he adhered to the Lutheran church.

Frederick Waldemar Larson received his early education in the district schools and, having shown a decided inclination for study, was sent to Augsburg Seminary at Minneapolis, Minnesota, his parents intending to prepare him for the ministry of the Lutheran church. After two terms in the seminary, however, he left that institution and entered the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa, taking the normal and business courses, from which he was graduated in 1888. He taught school for several terms and was for a time in Chicago. Finally, being attracted to the mercantile business he came to Cambridge and continued in business with good success for about ten years. In 1901 he disposed of his store and soon afterward accepted the position of cashier of the Citizens State Bank, which he has ever since filled, being also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors.



of the institution. He is regarded as one of the able financiers of the county, and by his close attention to a calling for which he seems eminently adapted he has greatly added to the resources and prestige of the bank. He is also interested with Johnson Brothers in farming, now having charge of more than five hundred acres in this part of the state.

On the 16th of November, 1892, at Des Moines, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Gustie Nutson, a native of Illinois but of Norwegian parentage, and by this union four children have been born: Florence G. and Jessie, both of whom are attending the high school; Charlotte N., now in the primary school; and Edna O.

Mr. Larson now gives his support to the prohibitionist party but was for many years a prominent factor in republican councils. He holds membership in the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as steward and trustee and also as Sunday school superintendent. For nineteen years he has been a member of the school board and for thirteen years past has filled the chair of president of that body. He takes great interest in educational and church work, devoting a large part of his time in those interests and also contributing very liberally to all worthy demands. He ranks as a leader in Story county, both as a business man and as a self-sacrificing citizen, whose constant aim is to add to the comfort and happiness of others. While he is a banker he is also a great lover of nature and the call of the farm has for him a charm that he often finds hard to resist. He has a host of friends who have been attracted by his spirit of helpfulness, which is one of the most desirable traits that can be possessed by any human being.

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### JACOB W. McCORD.

Jacob W. McCord, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Collins township, where he is extensively engaged in the raising of shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. His birth occurred in Des Moines county, Iowa, on the 25th of October, 1851, his parents being Commodore P. and Sarah E. (Smith) McCord. The father, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, on the 10th of October, 1826, was reared in the Buckeye state and in 1850 journeyed westward to Iowa, locating in Des Moines county. Two years later, in the fall of 1852, he came to Story county, where the remainder of his life was spent. Entering a tract of government land in Collins township, he erected thereon a log cabin and began farming. On the 14th of August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. On the 17th of May, 1863, at the battle of Black River Bridge, Mississippi, he was so severely wounded in the

left leg that amputation was necessary and on the 13th of August, 1863, he was discharged because of disability, subsequently returning to his home in this county. In 1869 he was elected the first auditor of Story county, ably serving in that capacity for one term. He next purchased and located on the farm which is now in possession of his son, A. S. McCord, residing thereon for a number of years. In 1883 he was stricken with paralysis and soon afterward took up his abode in Nevada, where he passed away on the 2d of October, 1886, when almost sixty years of age. He had met with success in his undertakings as an agriculturist and accumulated about four hundred and twenty acres of Story county's most valuable farm land. His fraternal relations were with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he was buried with the honors of the Maxwell and Nevada lodges. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he was widely recognized as one of the representative and most highly esteemed citizens of the community. On the 12th of January, 1851, in Des Moines county, Iowa, he wedded Miss Sarah E. Smith, who was born near Springfield, Illinois. Their children were nine in number, namely: Jacob W., of this review; Mary, the deceased wife of John Ray; Nancy, the wife of James T. White, of Ames, Iowa; Abraham S., living in Collins township, Story county; Alice, at home; Rachel E., the wife of Clifford Funk, of Des Moines, Iowa; Sherman G., who is a resident of Nevada, Iowa; Elias S., a practicing physician and surgeon of Delmar, Iowa; and Charles P., of Nevada, Iowa.

Jacob W. McCord was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education first attended the district schools, while later he continued his studies in the Nevada city schools. He was married when about twenty-eight years of age and continued farming as a renter for the next five or six years. His present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Collins township has been his place of abode for the past twenty-six years and he has lived in his present residence since the spring of 1892. In connection with the tilling of the soil he raises shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, keeping only the best blooded stock. This proves a profitable source of income to him and as the years go by he is meeting with the measure of success which always crowns persistent, well directed labor.

On the 4th of February, 1870, Mr. McCord was united in marriage to Miss Martha Dunahoo, a daughter of John Dunahoo, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of M. R. Dunahoo, a brother of Mrs. McCord. Mr. McCord gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the board of township trustees for about sixteen years. The cause of education has always found in him a staunch champion and he served for many years as a member of the school board. He belongs to Fervent Lodge No. 519, A. F. & A. M., and Crescent Camp, No. 2358, M. W. A., while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star at Collins and Sunbeam Lodge No. 181, Mystic Workers of America. They likewise belong to the United Brethren church, of which

Mr. McCord is one of the trustees and in which he served for several years as steward. A review of his life shows that in business he has been diligent as well as reliable, that in citizenship he has been loyal to the best interests of the community and that his social acquaintances know him as a tried and trusted friend. Brought to Story county when still in his first year, he has since remained within its borders and is widely and favorably known.

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### LARS F. SESKE.

Success in farming, as in every other branch of business endeavor, only comes to him who has the intelligence and capacity for industry to apply to his chosen vocation in life, as is exemplified by the career of Lars F. Seske, who, at the age of twenty-two years, started out in life for himself and is today one of the successful and progressive agriculturists of Union township. There he was born April 18, 1864, a son of John and Helga (Staatfeit) Seske, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father was born March 1, 1826, his parents being Frederick and Eugene (Frederick) Seske, who died in Norway. John Seske obtained such education as was available in the schools of his locality and later was apprenticed to the trade of a shoemaker. Desiring to better his condition in life, for as a youth he was very ambitious, he decided to come to America and made the ocean voyage in 1857. Locating in New York city, he continued to follow his early vocation for a period of three months, after which time he removed to Racine, Wisconsin, where he secured employment in a shoe factory. From here he went to Franklin county, Kansas, and in 1860 came to Story county, where he saw the agricultural advantages and purchased forty acres of land. Here he continued to till the soil and by thrift and industry he was able to add to his property, until his personal holdings amount to three hundred and ninety-six acres in Union township, at the present time being one of the largest landowners in Story county.

In 1858 John Seske was married to Miss Helga Staatfeit, and by this union six children were born, namely: John; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Osterman, living in Polk county, Iowa; Nels H.; Lars F.; Carl L.; Jacob S. Mr. Seske has the unusual distinction of being the grandfather of thirty-eight children. Mrs. Seske departed this life July 29, 1904. In politics Mr. Seske has allied himself with the republican party and has served his township with faithfulness and unaltered loyalty in various public offices. In his religious belief he is a consistent adherent of the Lutheran church.

The independent spirit manifested itself in Lars F. Seske when, shortly after reaching his majority he rented and operated a farm on his own account for two years, during which time he acquired invaluable knowledge regarding the science of agriculture, profiting by this to such an extent that

he was able in 1888 to purchase the farm on which he now resides and which consists of eighty acres. He is one of the progressive and well-to-do men of the community and by virtue of his individual industry is now **reaping the benefits of his early efforts.**

In 1891 Mr. Seske was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Polk county, Iowa, whose father was John Johnson who came to this country from Norway at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Seske were born the following children: Mattie, Martin, Henry, Ella, Joseph, Frances, Eldon and Anna.

In politics Mr. Seske casts his vote with the republican party, and in religion he and his family are faithful members of the Lutheran church. He is interested in everything that stands for the betterment of the community in which he resides and is always willing to give his support to those projects which are working for the public good. He has the respect and esteem of his many friends as a public-spirited citizen of Union township.

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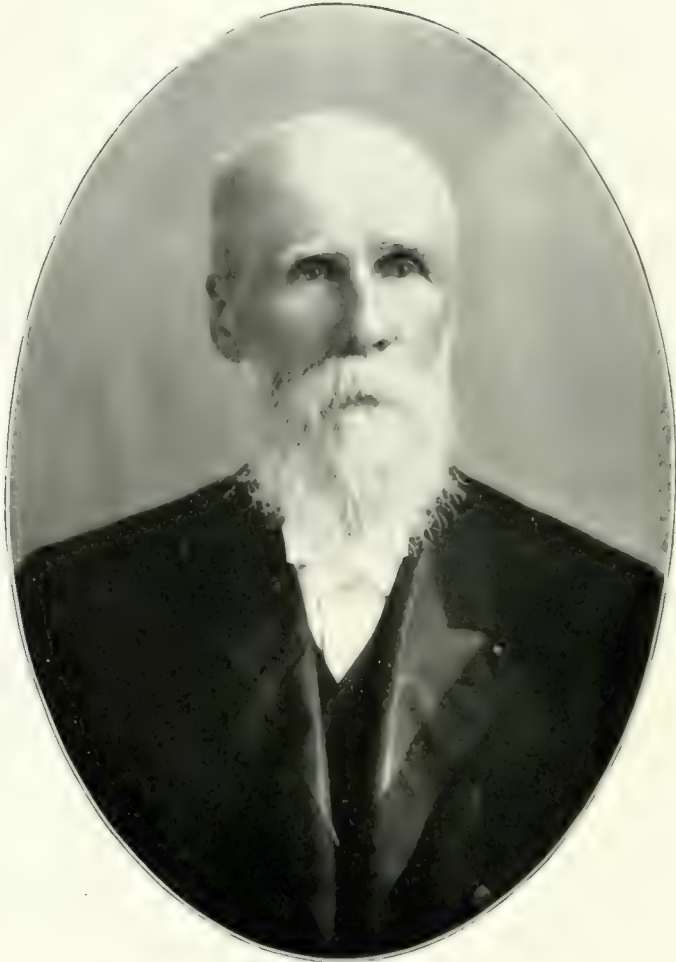
### WILLIAM PIERCE PAYNE.

William Pierce Payne, the senior editor of the Nevada Representative, will celebrate his eightieth birthday on December 22, 1911, and Mrs. Adaline Maria Payne, his wife, will celebrate her seventy-seventh birthday on November 12, 1911. They celebrated together their golden wedding at Nevada on January 16, 1909. When their years are considered they are a very exceptionally active couple, still giving daily attention to business and current affairs and being in the full enjoyment of most excellent health. They have been identified with Nevada and Story county since 1875 and this identification still continues, not merely as a courtesy but as a **consequence of present relation to people and events.**

Mr. Payne was the second son of Samuel Pierce and Juliaette (Ball) Payne, and he was born in the south part of the town of Rutland, Jefferson county, New York, on December 22, 1831. He grew up in the neighborhood where he was born, much of his youth being spent with his uncle, Henry M. Ball, on an adjoining farm. He attended the district and village school and about the time he was getting through his teens began teaching in the district schools of the neighborhood. After a few winters of teaching he went to the New York State Normal School at Albany, where he spent one year and was graduated in February, 1854. Subsequently he taught for two or three years at Sacketts Harbor on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario, while in 1857 he went to Tufts College near Boston, Massachusetts, which he attended for two years. At the end of this period, in 1859, he completed his education and was ordained in the ministry of the Universalist church. His first pastorate was at Lynn, Mass.







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MRS. W. P. PAYNE





chusetts, and during the first year thereof he was married at South Rutland, New York, on January 10, 1859, to Adaline M. Brown. He took his bride to Lynn, where their only son, William O., was born May 7, 1860. The pastorate at Lynn closed in 1862 and after a year at Cambridgeport, attending lectures at Harvard, he removed with his family to Clinton, New York, where he became pastor of the Universalist parish and also taught in the Clinton Liberal Institute, which was then a flourishing school of the Universalist denomination. He remained for nine years at Clinton and in 1872 removed to Nyack-on-the-Hudson, where he lived for two years. In 1874 the removal west was made, the destination being Mitchellville in Polk county, Iowa. At that place he had charge as principal of Mitchell Seminary, which had been established as the school for the Universalist denomination in this state and the main building of which has since become the nucleus of the State Industrial School for Girls. After a year at Mitchellville the family removed about thirty miles northward to Nevada.

The arrival at Nevada was in the fall of 1875. Mr. Payne had in the previous spring been elected principal of the public schools at this place and Mrs. Payne became an assistant in the high school. The time was when the more enterprising towns of this class in Iowa were beginning to organize regular high schools, and Nevada was just completing a fine new brick school building, suitable to its new and higher educational aspirations. Indeed the completion was so delayed that school did not open until the first week in November; but in time the building was completed and the school opened with much enthusiasm. Then for the first time was there in the school here a definite course of study at the completion of which diplomas of graduation would be given. The conditions were highly favorable for good work by teachers and pupils, and at the end of the second year, in June, 1877, the first class was graduated, numbering nine. Five years were spent by Mr. and Mrs. Payne in this work and in this time were established relations with young people who have here and elsewhere made their impress on affairs—relations which in a local sense have grown closer and closer with all the passing years.

In 1880 the Paynes retired from the school here and Mr. Payne went to Boone, where he gained his first initiation into newspaper work on the staff of the Boone Republican. This initiation lasted for two years and at the end of that time, in the summer of 1882, he returned to Nevada and bought the Nevada Representative, the original newspaper in Story county and one that has always been identified with the county.

Thus after only a brief intermission the residence of the Paynes in Nevada was resumed. Mrs. Payne at once joined with her husband in his newspaper work and a year later the only son returned from college and became connected with the work also. With the increased force the work gradually differentiated, and the senior Payne gave his attention chiefly to the business and to the outside interests of the paper. In this work he became widely acquainted over the county. For nearly thirty years this work

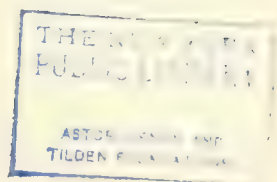
has now continued; the county has thickened; the town has grown; the interests of all have progressed; and in whatever has been for the general advancement there has always been ready editorial and personal cooperation.

In respect to cooperation of this order for the general good, the relation of Mr. Payne to the Nevada public library deserves first mention. Back in the time of his teaching days here the town had voted to establish a public library and Mr. Payne had been on the first committee to select books; also in the early '60s a local organization had been formed unofficially for the general purpose of boosting the library, and of this organization Mr. Payne was the first and only president; so, when in 1894 a law was enacted for the creation of a board of library trustees to have charge of the library, he was named by William Gates, then as now mayor of Nevada, as the first upon the new board. He was at once elected president of the board and this position he has held continuously since. To the uplifting work thus put in his charge he has given very much of time and strength (not to mention other contributions) and in the development of the library, in the housing of it in a splendid building (which was built wholly from local resources) and in the finishing and furnishing of that building he has always been a moving spirit. At the same time Mrs. Payne, as a worker in the women's organizations and president for several years of the city federation of women's clubs, was assisting, while the need continued, in raising money for the library and in making it what it is. In due time, through the especial appreciation of Mrs. Dillin, one of the library trustees, and by action of the trustees, their portraits were conspicuously hung in the library. From such antecedents it may be seen that when the time came for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Payne the event was celebrated in the ample parlors of the library and was an occasion memorable among occasions of that kind. It was the occasion, significant above any other, of the part they have borne in Nevada and of the local appreciation of that part.

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#### MRS. ADALINE MARIA PAYNE.

Mrs. Adaline Maria Payne, wife of William P. Payne, was born Adaline M. Brown. She was the eldest daughter of Orville and Lovisa (Phelps) Brown and was born at South Champden, Jefferson county, New York, November 12, 1834. The place was just over the line from the town of Rutland, in which her husband was born, and to that town her parents removed while she was but a small child. Her father's homestead was established just outside of the village of Fiverville, which is officially known as South Rutland, and there she spent the years of her girlhood and youth. She attended the local school and in the summer when she was fourteen she taught her first term of district school. After that experience she



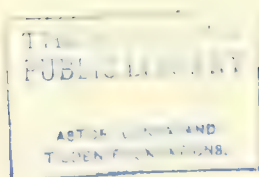


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taught regularly during the term of the summer schools and after a time taught the winter schools also. In 1853-4 she also attended the State Normal School at Albany, being graduated therefrom in July, 1854. Later she taught for a few years, much of the time in the city of Watertown, and on January 16, 1859, she was married, as above stated, to William P. Payne. She taught no more after the regular fashion for many years; but her son was home educated up to the high school, and after the family came west she was matron of the seminary at Mitchellville during the year of their residence there. As before stated, she also taught in the high school at Nevada for five years, and during the residence at Boone she taught there for one year. Beyond this, she taught in teachers' institutes four years in New York in early womanhood and afterward taught in institutes for ten or more years in Story, Boone and other counties in Iowa.

Returning to Nevada, she took part at first in the general work of the newspaper, the Nevada Representative, but after a number of years she came to give especial attention—along with the other work—to a department for "Busy Women," which has now for many years been a recognized feature of the paper. When the movement for the formation of women's clubs reached Nevada she was one of the very first to become interested and she was a charter member of the Nevada Woman's Club, which was the first of the modern clubs to be organized in this city. With the movement for federation of such clubs she attended as a delegate the first state convention of the federation and was one of the first state officers. Since then she has been many times a delegate to such conventions, and later she was active in federating the different clubs in the city and was long president of the city federation. Her interest in all such matters continues with slight, if any, abatement. She has been hardly less active than her husband in behalf of the public library, as the highest concrete local expression of general educational progress; and at her golden wedding in the library parlors she wore the dress, necessarily remodeled, in which she had been married fifty years before.

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### WILLIAM ORSON PAYNE.

William Orson Payne, editor of the Nevada Representative and compiler of the first volume of this history, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Payne and was born at Lynn, Massachusetts, May 7, 1860. His babyhood was spent at Lynn and at Cambridgeport, where the family lived for only a short time, and his earlier boyhood was spent at Clinton, New York, where he had some associations never to be forgotten. After two more years of boyhood on the Hudson at Nyack his parents brought him west to grow up with the country. There was a year at Mitchellville and then the high school at Nevada. Two years in the high school and he grad-

uated as one of its first class of nine, of whom six remain in Story county and five in or very near to Nevada. In the next year he clerked a few months in a justice's office and completed his preparation for college. In the fall of 1878 he entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, where he it recorded that he was an active member of the Zetagathian Literary Society. Four years were spent in college in due course and he graduated in the class of 1882. Returning to the university for another year, he took his degree in law in 1883 and was admitted to the bar but never entered the active practice. Instead he returned to Nevada and became associated with his father and mother in the publication of the Nevada Representative. Always interested in public affairs, he has been a quite voluminous writer of political editorials, many of which have been more or less extensively quoted. He has held the local offices of justice of the peace and member of the city council, has attended very many political conventions and has gained a considerable acquaintance in the state. He was a delegate in 1900 to the republican national convention at Philadelphia which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt and has been frequently mentioned in connection with the republican nomination for congress in the seventh district of Iowa. He was assistant clerk of the general assembly in 1888 and two years later was clerk of the committee on coinage, weights and measures of the house of representatives through the famous fifty-first congress. He has been for nearly thirty years on the Nevada Representative, is now fifty years of age and hopes that his best work is yet before him.

He was married in Madison county, Iowa, December 15, 1886, to Miss Jessie Dickens. They have one daughter, Jessie Bancroft Payne, who graduated from the Nevada high school in 1905 and from the State University of Iowa in 1910.

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### JESSIE DICKENS PAYNE.

Jessie Dickens Payne, wife of William O. Payne, was the daughter of William and Maria Ellen Dickens and was born at Linwood, Minnesota, June 22, 1861. Her mother died while she was small and her father removed from his farm to the neighboring town of Anoka. In 1869 the family removed to Aurora, Illinois, and in 1875 to Winterset, Iowa. After two years at Winterset, the father's business having been burned out, the family removed to Kansas; but she and her elder sister, Ella, remained in Iowa and made their home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Downing of Boone. She attended the Boone high school and also spent a year at Mt. Carroll Seminary at Mt. Carroll, Illinois. She taught country schools in Story, Polk and Madison counties, her first school being the poor farm school in this county. Later she accompanied the Downings to St. Jos-



eph and Kansas City, Missouri, and in 1885 returned to Madison county, Iowa, where her sister Ella, then Mrs. C. C. Bancroft, resided. It was at this sister's home that she was married, on December 15, 1886, to W. O. Payne. Their home has since been in Nevada, though one year was spent in Washington city. She also was a charter member of the Woman's Club and she was the first president of the local chapter of the P. E. O. sisterhood. She was for many years active in the affairs of the Ladies Nevada Cemetery Society and it was during her presidency thereof that the society purchased and conveyed to the city what is now the west half of the cemetery.

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### WILBUR F. SHAW.

Wilbur F. Shaw, a prominent and representative resident of Colo, was appointed postmaster of the town on the 11th of October, 1906, and has ably served in that capacity to the present time. His birth occurred in Columbus, Kansas, on the 17th of June, 1869, his parents being James W. and Margaret (Zook) Shaw, who were natives of New Jersey and Indiana, respectively. The father was a lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana, in which state he grew to manhood. Removing to Livingston county, Illinois, he was married in Fairbury, that state, and there made his home during the following five years. He next spent about ten years in Cherokee county, Kansas, and then returned to Livingston county, Illinois, where he remained for some two years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Champaign county, Illinois, residing there until 1892, when he came to Colo, Iowa, where he has made his home continuously since. He was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, but since coming to Colo has lived retired. His wife was called to her final rest on the 19th of August, 1901, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. James W. Shaw was reared in the Quaker faith and still adheres thereto but worships in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Wilbur F. Shaw was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1891 he made a trip to Iowa, having a brother, Frank E., who was at that time a resident of Hubbard and in partnership with whom he purchased the grain elevator in Colo. In January, 1892, his brother having assumed control of their elevator in Colo, Wilbur F. Shaw removed to this town and for five years the two young men were prominently identified with the grain and lumber business here. In 1897 Frank E. Shaw withdrew from the business, selling his interest to his brother-in-law, E. A. Binder, and the firm style of Shaw & Binder was adopted. This relation was maintained until the 1st of July, 1907, when the concern sold out to K. R. Frazier & Company, who are the present proprietors of the enterprise. On the 11th of October, 1906, Mr.

Shaw was appointed postmaster of Colo, assuming the duties of that position on the 1st of November following. He has served in that capacity continuously since and is widely recognized as one of the efficient and popular public officials of Story county. A man of excellent business ability and sound judgment, his efforts have also been a factor in the successful control of the interests of the Colo Cement Block & Tiling Company, of which he is a stockholder and acts as secretary and treasurer. He is likewise the manager of the Colo Lighting Company.

On the 4th of October, 1890, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle E. Houser, of Colo. Her father, William Houser, who was for many years a well known hotel proprietor of Colo, is now living retired in Lyons, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw now have six children, namely: Zola M., Aaron J., Virginia C., Norma L., Kenneth E. and Keith H.

Mr. Shaw gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the town council for several terms. He is a member of the present school board, having been connected therewith for several years past. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Columbia Lodge No. 292. He is also a member of the Mystic Workers of the World and for several years has been secretary of Logan Camp No. 1501, M. W. A. Both he and his wife are consistent and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Shaw now acting as trustee and treasurer thereof and having served on the church board of trustees for several years past. Whatever he undertakes he accomplishes, for he possesses resolution, perseverance and reliability and these qualities have caused him to be enrolled among the best citizens of the county.

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#### ABRAM S. McCORD.

Abram S. McCord, one of the leading and successful residents of Collins township, is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of Story county's most valuable land and in addition to his farming interests devotes considerable attention to the feeding of stock. His birth occurred in Collins township, this county, on the 5th of March, 1857, his parents being Commodore Perry and Sarah E. (Smith) McCord, who were natives of Ohio and Illinois respectively. The father, who came west to Iowa in early manhood, took up his abode among the earliest settlers of Collins township, Story county. A review of his life is given in the sketch of Jacob W. McCord, a brother of our subject, which appears on another page of this volume.

Abram S. McCord was reared at home and acquired his education in the common schools. In 1870, when twenty-two years of age, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating the home farm as a renter until his father's death in 1886, when the estate was settled. Subsequently

he purchased a tract of one hundred acres across the road from the homestead, residing thereon for about six years. On the expiration of that period he traded the property for the old home farm, which had been acquired by two of his younger brothers and on which he has lived continuously since. The place comprises two hundred and forty acres and is one of the most valuable farms in the county. Mr. McCord has recently erected a very fine country residence and the other buildings afford ample shelter for grain and stock. He is extensively engaged in the feeding of stock and in the conduct of his agricultural interests has met with a gratifying measure of prosperity by reason of his well directed energy and capable business management.

On the 8th of February, 1882, Mr. McCord was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Bowman, a daughter of William and Anna (Bare) Bowman, who came to Iowa in 1858, settling in Linn county. Later removing to Woodford county, Illinois, they resided there for some years and then returned to Iowa, locating in Marshall county. They next went to Polk county and then came to Story county, here spending the remainder of their lives. William Bowman passed away in January, 1905, while his wife was called to her final rest in March, 1884. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCord were born five children, two of whom are yet living, as follows: Earl A., who is employed in a drug store at Collins; and Ralph D., at home.

Mr. McCord is a republican in politics and has held the office of township assessor for ten years. He is a member of the present board of township trustees, now serving his fourth term. Fraternally he is identified with Fervent Lodge A. F. & A. M.; Crescent Camp No. 2358, M. W. A.; and Fern Camp No. 2823, Royal Neighbors of America. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, to which his wife also belongs. He has resided in this county from his birth to the present time and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### ALBERT H. LANDE.

Success in any branch of industry depends entirely upon the energy and determination of him who seeks it. To these qualities Albert H. Lande owes his present position as one of the substantial farmers and stock-raisers of Union township. Born in Polk county, Iowa, October 8, 1868, he is a son of George H. and Anna Lande, both natives of Norway. They emigrated to America while still in their youth and located in Kendall county, Illinois, where they were married and continued to reside until the spring of 1866, when they came to Iowa, and bought eighty acres of land in Elkhart township, Polk county. Subsequently Mr. Lande added to his possessions until he had acquired two hundred and forty acres. Here he resided

up to the time of his death, which occurred August 7, 1900, when he was in his seventy-fourth year. His wife survives him and is still living on the home farm.

Albert H. Lande passed his early youth at home, attending the public school. Upon reaching his majority he, in company with his brother Henry, assumed charge of the home farm, which they continued to operate until the spring of 1903, when Albert removed to his present home in Union township, Story county, which he and his brother Henry had purchased the previous fall. Aside from general farming, Mr. Lande has given special attention to the raising of hogs and cattle for the market and in this line of business he has met with unqualified success.

On December 19, 1902, Mr. Lande was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Lawson, who was born in Rock county, Wisconsin. In his political preferment he gives his support to the republican party and takes an active interest in the affairs of his community, being a member of the school board. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lande are members of the Lutheran church.

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### ALBERT K. HELVIG.

In the list of Story county's successful native sons must be placed the name of Albert K. Helvig, who was born in Howard township on the 23d of February, 1864. He is of Norwegian parentage, his father having come to the United States from the Norseland in 1860. He had been a citizen of the United States for three years before he came to Story county but in 1863 he located on a farm in Howard township and continued to reside there until he died in 1905, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. He was a successful farmer and had acquired at the time of his death one hundred and twenty acres of land. He married Isabelle Mucklebush and they became the parents of ten children, all but four of whom have now passed away, Albert K. Helvig being the fourth in order of birth. The father was a member of the Lutheran church and voted the republican ticket. He was a very public spirited citizen and was well regarded in the community where he had resided for so many years.

Albert K. Helvig's early years were spent in an unvaried routine of study, work and play, which characterizes the boyhood and youth of most young people who are reared in the country. At the usual age he laid aside his text-books to assume the weightier duties of life and, having chosen farming as his occupation, assisted his father about the home place until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he began to work for himself. He had succeeded in accumulating sufficient means in 1890 to invest in land of his own and he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Warren township, where he has since continued to live. His is one of the valuable farms of the township. He raises a good grade of stock, keeps







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MRS. ALBERT K. HELVIG





his property in good condition and from his fields reaps an abundant harvest, which yields him profitable returns. He is regarded as one of the substantial men of the community as in addition to his realty holdings he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of McCallsburg and the Roland Creamery.

In 1891 Mr. Helvig completed his arrangements for a home in his marriage to Miss Mina Hanson, who was a daughter of Charlie Hanson, a pioneer of Illinois, in which state Mrs. Helvig was born. They became the parents of four children, three of whom are still living: Clarence, Esther and Mina, all of whom are at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1899.

The family always attended the Lutheran church, of which the parents were members, Mr. Helvig still being identified with that denomination. Ever since attaining his majority he has staunchly adhered to the principles of the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in local politics and has served in many of the township offices, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of his constituency. He is highly regarded in the community where he has spent his entire life and retains the friendship of many of his boyhood comrades, which is a tribute to his fine principles of life.

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### HARRY PAUL HANSON, M. D.

Prominent among the professional men of Story county is Dr. Harry Paul Hanson, physician and surgeon, who for ten years past has been located at Cambridge. He comes of good Norwegian parentage and was born at Christiania, Norway, January 14, 1870, a son of Bernhardt and Sophia Hanson. The mother passed away shortly after his birth and the father remained in Norway until 1887, when he came to America and located in Cleveland, Ohio. He was in the optical business in his native country but was engaged in the mercantile pursuits at Cleveland for about twenty years and is now living retired in that city.

Harry Paul Hanson remained at home until fifteen years of age, receiving his education up to that time in the common schools of the country and at Christiania University. Being an ambitious lad, he decided to come to the United States, and on August 5, 1885, he landed from a vessel in New York city, being then only fifteen years of age, a stranger in a strange land and with no knowledge of the English language. He felt the importance of larger educational training and, saving his money, he later became a student in the Case School of Applied Sciences at Cleveland, one of the most noted institutions of the kind in America, and took a course in civil engineering. During the summer vacations he was employed as a nurse of the Hon. James Hoyt, a Cleveland millionaire, and for five years he was

the personal attendant and companion of that gentleman, much of this time being spent in traveling.

After the death of Mr. Hoyt our subject was persuaded by Dr. C. B. Parker, professor of surgery at the Cleveland General Hospital, to take up the study of medicine and while pursuing the regular medical course he acted as assistant to Dr. Parker. Having been graduated with the title of M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1897, he spent two years in the Cleveland General Hospital acquiring a practical knowledge, which has been of very great benefit to him in the years that have since passed. He began practice in 1899 at Glenville, Ohio, but in 1900 removed to Cambridge, where he has since continued, soon gaining recognition as one of the ablest physicians and surgeons in this section of the state. He is at the head of a private hospital in Cambridge, where surgical cases are treated according to the most modern methods, and is also surgeon for the Milwaukee, Newton and Northwestern Railways.

On the 5th of October, 1900, Dr. Hanson was united in marriage to Florence M. Lane, and their home has been brightened by the arrival of four children, namely: Harry A., born October 9, 1901; Lester T., born July 30, 1904; Eugene W., born September 15, 1905; and Sidney L., born November 15, 1907.

Fraternally Dr. Hanson is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are both connected with the United Brethren church. Politically he is a radical representative of the republican party and has served one term as coroner of Story county. Both as a professional man and as a citizen Dr. Hanson occupies an enviable position in the estimation of the entire community. Beginning as a poor boy, he has overcome great obstacles and in doing so gained habits of perseverance and a strength of character that are of inestimable value. His career is a remarkable illustration of the power of a well defined purpose and in the opinion of his friends the future holds for him nothing but the most brilliant promise of usefulness and honor.

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#### EDWIN R. SILLIMAN.

Edwin R. Silliman, an ex-banker of Colo., is now successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the leading and respected residents of the town. For the past ten years he has likewise been one of the best known breeders of registered shorthorn cattle in the state of Iowa. His birth occurred in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 4th of June, 1871, his parents being Rothmer J. and Lucy N. (Newman) Silliman. His paternal grandfather, Ira Silliman, was a stone-mason by trade.

Rothmer J. Silliman, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Como, Whiteside county, Illinois, where he was reared to manhood. He followed the profession of teaching for a time but later turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. About 1874 he went west to Nebraska and engaged in the lumber business but, because of the grasshopper scourge, left that state in the spring of 1877. Coming to Nevada, Story county, Iowa, he purchased the lumber business of Judge Kellogg, the yard standing on the present site of the Letts Hotel. Two or three years later he bought a half interest in the West grain elevator and, renting the remaining half, embarked in the grain business, also removing his lumber yard to the site of the elevator. He was prominently identified with the lumber and grain business at Nevada until 1894, in which year he disposed of his interests there. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Nevada, was elected its second president and served as the chief executive officer of that institution for several years. His principal object in coming to Nevada was to secure the advantages of the schools at that place for his children. About a year after his arrival in the town he was made a member of the school board and during the remainder of his life labored untiringly and effectively in the interests of the public schools of Nevada. The public library building at Nevada will also be a matter of much pride to future generations of the Silliman family, for it was erected as a Silliman memorial building in honor of Rothmer J. Silliman, showing the esteem in which he was uniformly held. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he served at various times as a member of the town council. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His demise, which occurred on the 3d of February, 1896, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret and a serious loss to the community. His widow still survives and makes her home at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Edwin R. Silliman was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the Nevada schools, by a course of study in Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. On leaving that institution he returned to Nevada and for a time assisted in the conduct of his father's business. Rothmer J. Silliman and his oldest son, Homer N., were operating a bank in Cambridge, this county, at the time of the panic of 1893, when every financial institution in Cedar Falls failed with the exception of one. Seizing the opportunity, they removed to that city and established the State Bank of Cedar Falls, Mr. Silliman of this review being sent to Cambridge to look after the interests of the bank there. A year and a half later our subject purchased the bank in association with Edgar John, conducting it successfully until 1896. In that year he sold his interest to his partner and came to Colo, here taking over the banking business of P. W. Hopkins and establishing the Citizens Bank, which he conducted until 1902. In 1900 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in

New Albany township, six miles southeast of Colo, stocked it with cattle and hired a man to take care of it. In 1900 he was elected to the board of county supervisors and served for two terms. In the fall of 1902 he located on his farm and continued to reside thereon until the spring of 1907, when he took up his abode in Colo, employing a capable man to supervise the operation of his farm. In 1907, in association with Leo Armstrong of Ames, Mr. Silliman was awarded the contract to build the county bridges of Story county. In recent years he has been successfully engaged in the insurance business and also deals in farm lands to some extent. For the past ten years he has been one of the best known breeders of registered shorthorn cattle in the state and has been a successful exhibitor at the county fairs, the Iowa state fair and also at the International Stock Show in Chicago. He has made it a point to exhibit only stock which he personally has bred and in his exhibits at the state fair and at the International Show in Chicago he has never failed to win a premium. He has gained an enviable reputation throughout the nation as a breeder of thoroughbred cattle, and as a judge of cattle his services are in demand even as far distant as San Antonio, Texas. The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association numbers him among its valued members.

In 1894 Mr. Silliman was united in marriage to Miss Eva Erb, of Cambridge, Story county. He is a republican in politics and has been called to serve on the town council of Colo. He is identified with various fraternities, belonging to Columbia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Colo; Three Times Three Chapter, R. A. M.; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Knights of Pythias; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Red Men. He is also the oldest Elk in Story county, belonging to the lodge at Des Moines. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he acts as steward and to which his wife also belongs. They have the warm esteem and friendship of many with whom they have come in contact and the hospitality of the best homes of the locality is cordially extended them.

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### ARTHUR GERALD GLANN, M. D.

Dr. Arthur Gerald Glann, a practicing physician and surgeon of Colo, Iowa, well deserves mention among the most able representatives of the medical profession in this county. His birth occurred in Hinckley, De Kalb county, Illinois, on the 8th of September, 1875, his parents being James F. and Phoebe (Ward) Glann. He comes of Scotch ancestry. The founder of the Glann family in this country was part owner of a vessel which was wrecked in a terrific storm while preparing to leave Turk island with a cargo of salt bound for the Liverpool market. He was also possessed of a title as lord of Vincent island but lost it when he was swept away by a



storm and never returned to claim the island. His vessel, being dismasted, drifted around for weeks but he finally landed at New York with a single groat in his pocket. Finding immediate employment a necessity, he went to work for a Dutch farmer of Kings Bridge, New York, one of whose daughters he later married. Both of his sons, John and James, enlisted in the Revolutionary army, serving under Generals Green and Washington. They participated in the battle of Long Island, where John lost his life. James survived the conflict and took up a soldier's right on the line between Sussex county, New Jersey, and Orange county, New York.

It was in the house which he built thereon that James F. Glann, the father of our subject, was born and reared. Journeying westward to De Kalb county, Illinois, the latter was there married and engaged in farming. He became a man of influence in the community and for a number of years acted as president of the board of county supervisors of De Kalb county. In 1880 he came west to Iowa, locating in Plymouth county, where he made his home for twelve or fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Sioux City, Iowa, there living retired until called to his final rest in 1900. He was a well informed man and an able public speaker. For a time he was identified with the political movement of the greenback party and afterward with the populist party. His funeral oration was delivered by George W. Argo, the well known criminal attorney of Sioux City, who was his close friend and spoke of him as one of God's great noblemen. He read much, thought deeply and reasoned profoundly. Though not identified with any church or chained to any set form of worship, he was a true Christian, the Sermon on the Mount being his creed and the meek and lowly Nazarene his model and his guide.

Arthur G. Glann was reared under the parental roof, supplementing his preliminary education by a course of study in the Le Mars (Iowa) Normal College. He followed the profession of teaching for three terms and then, having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, entered the office of Dr. C. F. Kueny of Le Mars, under whose direction he read for one year. Subsequently he entered the Sioux City College of Medicine, from which institution he was graduated in 1898, having the honor of being chosen valedictorian of his class. He served an internship of several months in the Samaritan Hospital at Sioux City and then located in South Dakota, where he remained for nine years, building up a large and lucrative practice. In May, 1907, he came to Colo, Iowa, which town has since remained the scene of his professional activities. He is continually promoting his efficiency by study and research and keeps in touch with the most advanced methods of the profession through his membership in the Story County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society.

On the 7th of September, 1898, Dr. Glann was united in marriage to Miss Catharine B. Niland, a daughter of Michael Niland, one of Story county's pioneers. The Doctor and his wife now have three daughters, namely: Frances, Helen and Pauline.

Dr. Glann is a republican in politics and was elected coroner of Story county in November, 1910. In religious faith he is a Catholic, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers of the World. In his chosen life work he is making continued advancement, his patronage steadily growing as he gives proof of his ability to cope with the complex problems that continually confront the physician.

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### FRANK THOMPSON, M. D.

Dr. Frank Thompson, a prominent resident of Cambridge, was long and successfully identified with the medical profession in Story county but during the past four years has lived practically retired. Financial interests have also claimed his attention and he is now the vice president of the Citizens State Bank. His birth occurred in Iowa Center, this county, on the 14th of July, 1858, his parents being James and Harriet (Haines) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born in Perry county, while the mother's birth occurred in Licking county. They were married at Granville, Ohio, in December, 1856, and the following spring came west to Story county, Iowa, where Mr. Thompson had entered land in 1855. He was a boiler-maker by trade as well as a stationary engineer and was employed as engineer in a mill at Iowa Center when he entered land in 1855. After removing to this county in the spring of 1857 he continued working in the mill for three years, on the expiration of which period he took up his abode on his farm. To the further cultivation and improvement of that property he devoted his time and energies until called to his final rest November 4, 1896, winning a gratifying measure of success in the careful conduct of his agricultural interests. His widow, who still survives, now makes her home with our subject.

Frank Thompson was reared under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the common schools. Subsequently he spent about two years in the Central University at Pella, Iowa, and next took up the study of medicine, reading for two years under the preceptorship of Dr. P. W. Farrar, then of Iowa Center and later of Nevada, this county. Afterward he entered the medical department of the University of Iowa, completing the prescribed course in that institution with the class of 1882. Locating for practice at Iowa Center, he there remained for nine years and in 1891 removed to Cambridge, where he has resided continuously since. His practice continually grew in volume and importance as he demonstrated his skill and ability and he gained recognition among the most able and successful physicians and surgeons of the county. Four years ago, however, he largely abandoned the work of the profession and has since assisted only in operations or acted in consultation with other physicians. He owns one

hundred acres of land which lies almost wholly within the corporate limits of Cambridge. He is also a prominent factor in financial circles as the vice president of the Citizens State Bank and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a leading and respected citizen of his native county.

In 1882 Dr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Ida B. Davis, a daughter of John and Sarah (Griffith) Davis, who were natives of Tennessee and Ohio respectively. They were married in Illinois and came to Story county, Iowa, in 1868. Mr. Davis, who was a cooper by trade, conducted a cooperage shop at Iowa Center until he passed away in 1874. His wife, who still survives, afterward wedded W. K. Wood, who is the oldest living resident of Story county, now making his home in Iowa Center. Dr. and Mrs. Thompson have three children, namely: Winifred, who is now the wife of Lieutenant F. E. Overholser, of Plattsburg, New York; Mildred, a teacher in the Cambridge public schools; and James, who is in the primary grades.

Politically Dr. Thompson is a staunch democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He has served for a number of years as a member of the school board and also acted as justice of the peace. A loyal and public-spirited citizen, no matter which has for its object the substantial upbuilding and progress of the community is refused his endorsement and cooperation. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Tabernacle Lodge No. 452, A. F. & A. M.; Joshua Chapter No. 127, R. A. M., at Ames; Excalibur Commandery No. 13, K. T., of Boone, Iowa; Gebal Council No. 5, R. & S. M., of Ames; and Des Moines Consistory No. 3, A. & A. S. R. Both the Doctor and his wife are consistent Christians, worshipping in the United Brethren church. It is safe to say that he has as many friends as any man in the county and all who know him are glad to be numbered as such.

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### JOHN J. SEVERSON.

John J. Severson was born near Lisbon, Illinois, September 8, 1853, a son of John and Betsy (Aspoland) Severson, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Severt J. Severson on another page of this volume. When our subject was two years old his parents removed to Story county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood, his education being obtained in the public school. When twenty-two years old Mr. Severson, in partnership with his brother, Severt, rented and operated the home farm for seven years. During this time the brothers earned enough to buy the property, which consisted of two hundred and forty acres, and a year after the marriage of John J., a division of the land and stock was made, he acquiring one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he began farming independently. Some years later he disposed of his farm and purchased the place in Union town-

ship which has since been his home, comprising one hundred and sixty acres. He bought four hundred and eighty acres of land in Cavalier county, South Dakota, but sold two quarter sections, retaining one hundred and sixty acres.

On November 6, 1875, Mr. Severson was united in marriage to Miss Lena Stenberg, a daughter of Hans Stenberg, who came to Iowa from Norway some time in the '60s. To Mr. and Mrs. Severson the following nine children have been born: Joseph, who is a farmer living at home; Henry, also a farmer located in Cloverly, Canada; George J. M. D., a practicing physician in Blairsburg, Iowa, and a graduate of Drake University; Osmond, a farmer in Saskatchewan; Severt B., at home; Albert C., who lives in Saskatchewan; Levi J., at home; Carrie B. and Milford C., both at home. The three sons who are in Canada own a section of land each, besides which the three elder boys possess farms in North Dakota.

Politically Mr. Severson is a republican with strong inclinations toward the prohibition party, as he is a firm believer in total abstinence. He is public-spirited, takes an active interest in the affairs of his township and has served as president of the school board for several years. In religion he and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

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### ROTHEUS HAYWARD MITCHELL.

Among the honored citizens of Story county who have passed to their reward and whose history is well worthy of a place in a permanent record the name of Rotheus H. Mitchell deserves a prominent position. For many years county surveyor and also filling other important public offices, he was a man whose influence was clearly in behalf of the best interests of the county and state, and the beneficial effects of his life are still felt in the region where he lived and worked for more than a third of a century.

He was born in Lyme, Grafton county, New Hampshire, January 4, 1823, a son of Horatio G. and Mary (Ames) Mitchell. The father was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, December 17, 1787, and the mother at Groton, New Hampshire, October 6, 1794. They were married at Lyme, December 11, 1817, Mr. Mitchell having moved to that place with his father about 1791. They lived in New Hampshire until 1836, then taking up their residence at Parishville, St. Lawrence county, New York, where the father died on the 3d of April, 1867, the mother passing away on the 10th of May following.

Rotheus Mitchell, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1755 and was married there in 1783 to Hephzibah Hayward. They moved to New Hampshire about 1791, where he died October 28, 1816, his wife departing this life June 6, 1848. He served in the continental army, enlisting on the 10th of April, 1775, and rose to the





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rank of lieutenant, remaining in the service until late in the spring of 1781. He was the eighth son of Seth Mitchell, who was born in Plymouth county, Massachusetts, in 1715, and was married in 1738 to Ann Latham, a descendant of Robert Latham, who married Susannah Winslow, a daughter of John and Mary (Chilton) Winslow. Seth Mitchell died in 1802. He was the fifth son of Thomas Mitchell, who married Elizabeth Kingman in January, 1696. She was born in 1673 and was a descendant of Henry Kingman, who came from Wales in 1632. Thomas Mitchell departed this life in 1727. He was the second son of Jacob Mitchell, who married Susanna Pope, November 7, 1666, and according to the records settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts, but afterward moved to Dartmouth, where he and his wife were both killed by Indians in July, 1675, at the commencement of King Philip's war. The lives of their three children were saved, as the children had been sent to the garrison the previous evening. They were taken to Bridgewater and brought up by an uncle. Jacob Mitchell's father, Experience Mitchell, came from Holland with the Pilgrim fathers in the third ship, the *Ann*, in 1623, and settled at Plymouth. In 1631 he moved with Miles Standish to Duxbury and later to Bridgewater. He had a share in the first division of lots at Plymouth in 1623, he and George Morton together receiving eight acres. He also had a share in the division of live stock among the colonists in 1627. He was one of the proprietors of Bridgewater, also one of the company that purchased the rights of the original proprietors of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. His wife before her marriage was Jane Cook, a daughter of Francis Cook, and their family consisted of four sons and four daughters. One daughter married James Shaw, another married George Haywoods and a third became the wife of John Washburn, one of the ancestors of the noted Washburn family of the present day. Mr. Mitchell died in 1689. Many of his descendants are now to be found in Maine, Massachusetts and also in various other parts of the United States.

Rotheus H. Mitchell, the subject of this review, received his preliminary education in the public schools and also became a student in St. Lawrence Academy at Potsdam, New York. He learned the millwright's trade, which he followed a number of years in the summer months, teaching in the winter. However, he came to the conclusion that the west offered special inducements to young men and in 1856 he entered the stream of emigration that was then pouring across the Mississippi river and arrived in Story county, Iowa, where he decided to establish his home. His abilities soon met with recognition and he was appointed deputy county surveyor, filling the position so acceptably that at the next election he was elected county surveyor, which office he held four terms. In 1865 he was elected county judge and in 1874 was again selected as county surveyor, which position he held for many years. He passed away May 15, 1891, having then attained the age of sixty-eight years and having for more than thirty years been prominently connected with the county.

On the 27th of May, 1854, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Berintha R. Mott, who was born at Keene, Essex county, New York, in 1827, and was a daughter of Rev. Ebenezer and Berintha (Knapp) Mott. Mrs. Mitchell having departed this life October 19, 1864, our subject was married in 1866 to Miss Hannah C. Bixby, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, April 15, 1848, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Daniels) Bixby. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell: Mary Berintha, who was born July 11, 1867, and died March 29, 1875; and Clara Maria, who was born January 24, 1870, and passed away October 15 of the same year.

Mr. Mitchell was an adherent of the republican party from the time of its organization as a national body in 1850 and an earnest worker in its behalf. He was a man of high principles, unswerving in any cause that he considered right. He was an outspoken advocate of temperance and a staunch friend of public schools, believing the schools to be the bulwark of the nation. His honesty and probity were unquestioned. He was generous almost to a fault and from him no needy or suffering fellow being was ever turned away unassisted. In his wife he found a truly worthy and able companion. She is now living at Nevada in the enjoyment of good health and the acquaintanceship of a host of friends, to whom she has endeared herself by many acts of courtesy and kindliness.

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### O. H. HEGGER.

O. H. Hegger, a retired agriculturist residing in Cambridge, is now serving as road supervisor of Union township. His birth occurred in Norway on the 8th of April, 1857, his parents being Hans and Randa Hegger, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1870, locating in Polk county, Iowa. The father, who was a painter by trade, worked at that occupation during his active business career, passing away some six years after his emigration to the new world.

O. H. Hegger, who was a youth of thirteen when he came to America with his parents, attended the public schools of both this country and Norway. When still very young he began work on a farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Going to Des Moines when a youth of sixteen, he was there employed on a dairy farm for nine years. On the expiration of that period he was married and, coming to Story county, here started out as an agriculturist on his own account. In the spring of 1883 he removed to Ballard Grove, this county, operating a rented farm for five years, at the end of which time he purchased the property. Nine years later he disposed of the place and took up his abode in Cambridge, cultivating land in the vicinity of that town for four years, while during the next five years he resided on



a rented farm in Polk county. In 1906 he again came to Cambridge, where he has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

In March, 1882, Mr. Hegger was united in marriage to Miss Bertie Nutson, by whom he had four children, three of whom still survive, namely: Cora R. and William Howard, both at home; and George J., who acts as clerk in the office of the board of control at Des Moines.

Mr. Hegger is a republican in politics and is now ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of road supervisor of Union township. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers more than four decades and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a substantial and representative citizen of the community.

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### JASPER COOK.

One of the stable and representative men of Union township, Story county, and one who has done much to develop the welfare of his community is Jasper Cook, who has spent all his life on the farm which he now owns, being born here February 6, 1869. His parents were John and Lucy (Sears) Cook, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Ohio, she coming to Story county with her parents in her youth. The father, who was born in Lewis county, New York, August 15, 1835, arrived in this county when he was twenty years old and purchased a farm in Union township, the same one now owned by the subject of this sketch, and here he spent the remainder of his life. He was most successful in following the vocation of farming, and from time to time added to his possessions until he had acquired some five hundred and twenty acres of land. When he arrived in Cambridge, in October, 1855, the town consisted of one shanty and an old sawmill. Mr. Cook was one of the first men to use tile for draining and was also the first farmer to make use of a binder. He was one of a party to raise the first liberty pole in Cambridge, which act created such intense feeling that those who participated in it were threatened with death. This excitement, however, caused by local feeling, soon died away, and Mr. Cook was not molested. As an example of his energy and thrift it may be stated that the land he owned was fenced with rails split entirely by himself. In politics he was a republican but refused to run for office, although urged to do so by his many friends. However, having the interest of the community at heart he consented to serve as school director, a position he filled with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the township. His death occurred December 29, 1893.

Jasper Cook, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Union township and upon attaining his majority worked in cooperation

with his father in managing the farm until his parent's death. Later he added one hundred and ten acres to the estate, which now consists of three hundred and twenty acres, besides which he owns town property in Cambridge.

On November 14, 1894, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Cora Harrison, a daughter of Henry J. and Mary J. (Graves) Harrison, who came to Story county, Iowa, from Wisconsin about 1869, settling in Union township. Here her father died in 1894, but her mother is still living and resides on the home farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been born six children, as follows: Ava I., Opal E., Hazel F., Irma M., Carmen R. and Lester L.

In politics Mr. Cook gives his support to the republican party and has served for several years as secretary and treasurer of the school board. Socially he is a member of Cambridge Lodge No. 486, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Cook is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### ALBERT W. SOUTHWICK.

Albert W. Southwick, who was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits during many years of his active business career, is still the owner of almost two hundred acres of valuable land in Union township. He is now living retired in Cambridge and is widely recognized as one of the leading citizens of the town. His birth occurred in Chautauqua county, New York, on the 3d of April, 1856, his parents being George D. and Charlotte E. (Robinson) Southwick, who were natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire state, where the mother had gone with her parents. Early in the '60s Mr. and Mrs. George Southwick removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, where they resided for four years. On the expiration of that period they came to Iowa, arriving in Story county on the 15th of November, 1867. Mr. Southwick here purchased a farm but did not locate thereon, taking up his abode instead at Cambridge. He was a carpenter and wagon maker by trade and conducted a shop of that character for a number of years. In 1876 he was appointed to the position of postmaster, ably serving in that capacity until called to his final rest in 1883.

Albert W. Southwick was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the common schools. He was a lad of eleven years when he came with his parents to Story county and has remained within its borders continuously since. When a youth of fourteen he began providing for his own livelihood, hiring out to a farmer at a wage of ten dollars per month. He worked for one man for a period of seven years and then learned the barber's trade, following that occupation for about six years. On the 24th of August, 1882, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Irena M.

Spar, of Ada, Ohio. For some years prior to his marriage he had discharged the duties of deputy postmaster in connection with his barbering business, and in September, 1883, he was appointed postmaster to succeed his father, who had passed away. He filled the office acceptably until 1886 and in that year purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Union township, two and a half miles west of Cambridge. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his time and energies until 1909, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Cambridge. While residing on the farm he extended its boundaries by additional purchase until it embraced one hundred and ninety-seven and three-fourths acres. The property is still in his possession and is now being operated by his son-in-law, Lewis B. Erickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Southwick are the parents of seven children, as follows: Clarence W., who is a resident of Artesian, South Dakota; Edith F., who lives on her father's farm, which is being operated by her husband, Lewis B. Erickson; Minnie C., a trained nurse in Mercy Hospital of Des Moines; Pearl F., who is a teacher in the public schools of Story county; Ilo G., a high school student; George Leslie, who is in the primary grades; and Forest A.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Southwick has supported the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has held the office of township assessor for the past six years and was a candidate for reelection in the fall of 1910. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend and for about twenty-one years he furthered its interests as a member of the school board in his district. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the United Brethren church. He has an extensive circle of friends throughout the community, for his life has ever been upright and honorable and the motives which have guided his actions have been such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

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### FREDERICK COOK.

The subject of this sketch is one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Union township, where he was born December 7, 1867, a son of John and Lucy (Sears) Cook, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Jasper Cook on another page of this volume. He remained at home, assisting his father on the farm and obtaining his elementary education in the district schools. After reaching his majority he continued to give his time and attention to agricultural pursuits in conjunction with his father and at the latter's death acquired the homestead, which consisted of eighty acres of improved land. To this Mr. Cook has from time to time made additions, as his needs and facilities increased, and at the present time

is the possessor of two hundred and seventy-five acres in addition to a small tract which he owns in partnership with his brother. He has never married. He is a public-spirited citizen and is ever willing to give his assistance to anything that will conduce to the welfare of the community. In politics he is a staunch republican.

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### J. F. LINGENFELTER.

J. F. Lingenfelter, a prominent resident of Collins, is a member of the firm of Lingenfelter Brothers, one of the leading and best known mercantile concerns of Story county, conducting stores at Collins and Maxwell, Iowa, and one at Thayer, Kansas. His birth occurred in Warren county, Iowa, on the 4th of April, 1857, his parents being George W. and Sarah E. (Gilman) Lingenfelter, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Indiana, where Michael Gilman, the maternal grandfather of our subject, conducted a woolen mill, George W. Lingenfelter entering his service as a commercial salesman. In 1855 Mr. Gilman established woolen mills at Palmyra, Warren county, Iowa, where Mr. Lingenfelter was associated with him until about 1868. At that time Mr. Gilman sold his business at Palmyra and removed to Summerset, Iowa, where he erected flouring and woolen mills. On severing his business relations with his father-in-law Mr. Lingenfelter took up farming in Warren county, also spending some time as clerk in the Palmyra stores. In 1880 he embarked in merchandising at Palmyra in association with his son, J. F., the partnership being maintained for about three years, when George W. Lingenfelter retired, J. F. Lingenfelter continuing the business for some three years longer.

On the expiration of that period our subject disposed of his mercantile interests and began buying and selling horses in association with his brother, W. E., being thus engaged until 1890. In January, 1891, the brothers came to Collins and bought the mercantile establishment of Hidy Brothers, beginning operations under the firm style of Lingenfelter Brothers. They continued dealing in horses, however, J. F. Lingenfelter managing the mercantile business and his brother the live stock interests. In 1904 they purchased the mercantile establishment of Miller & Miller in Maxwell, Mr. Lingenfelter of this review assuming the management of both the Collins and Maxwell stores. In 1905 they opened another branch store in Cambridge, of which W. E. Lingenfelter took charge. Three years later, however, they disposed of this store, trading it for Kossuth county land. In the fall of 1910 W. E. Lingenfelter opened a branch store at Thayer, Kansas, and has since conducted the same. George W. Lingenfelter, the father of our subject, came to Collins in 1891 and was actively engaged in the conduct of the business of Lingenfelter Brothers for ten years. In 1901



the Collins store was destroyed by fire, but J. F. Lingenfelter had previously erected his present brick store building and, with the salvage that had escaped the flames, established the firm of Cooper, Halterman & Company, his partners being two young men who had heretofore been in his employ. It was Mr. Lingenfelter's intention to retire from active business here, but Mr. Cooper died a year after the organization of the firm and for a year and a half the business was conducted under the style of Lingenfelter & Halterman. The senior partner then bought out his associate and the concern has since been known as Lingenfelter Brothers. In business affairs Mr. Lingenfelter has always displayed keen judgment and excellent executive ability, and the success that he now enjoys is well merited.

In 1888 Mr. Lingenfelter was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Jamison, of Palmyra, Iowa, by whom he has two children, namely: George F., a graduate of the Capital City Business College at Des Moines; and Harold A., a high school student.

Mr. Lingenfelter exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy but has had neither time nor inclination for office holding, having served only as a member of the first town council of Collins. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Fer-vent Lodge No. 513, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen of America. His life has been most honorable and upright in its varied relations and his fellow citizens instinctively pay deference to him because of what he has accomplished and the principles which have governed his conduct.

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### NELS ERICKSON.

Nels Erickson, the proprietor of a livery barn at Cambridge, is numbered among the representative and enterprising business men of the town. His birth occurred in Lincoln township, Polk county, Iowa, on the 6th of July, 1875, his parents being Barney and Bolette (Gabrielson) Erickson, natives of Norway. His father was born May 14, 1837, on a farm named Stoll, at Etne, Norway, and there grew to manhood, being married October 28, 1862, to Miss Bolette Gabrielson. Coming to America in 1866, they made their home for a short time in Nevada, Iowa, and next lived in Roland for a couple of years. The following two years were spent in Story City and from there they came to Cambridge which was their home for three years at that time. While living here Mr. Erickson purchased a farm southwest of the town, in Polk county, where he lived for thirty-seven years, returning to Cambridge in 1906. After his return he was in poor health and passed away on the 4th of January, 1911, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was an earnest Christian man and a faithful member of the First Norwegian church at Cambridge. To him and his wife were

born seven children, but Malinde, Gerhard, Anna, Eric and Carrie are now deceased, those still living being Lewis and Nels.

Nels Erickson was reared under the parental roof, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Polk county for five years. On the expiration of that period he took a milk route, hauling cream to the creamery for eighteen months. At the end of that time he came to Cambridge, being here engaged in the implement business for two years. In 1905, in association with his brother Lewis, he purchased the livery barn in Cambridge, the two young men operating together for four years or until 1909. In that year our subject purchased his brother's interest and has since remained the sole proprietor of the business, enjoying an extensive patronage because of his straightforward dealings and earnest efforts to please his patrons.

In politics Mr. Erickson is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Upright and honorable, he commands the respect and confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact, either in business or social relations, and he well merits the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

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#### SAM H. TWEDT.

Sam H. Twedt, one of the prominent citizens of Warren township, Story county, and vice president of the McCallsburg State Bank, was born in Howard township on the 1st of August, 1867, being therefore a native of Story county. He is the son of Hans J. and Julia (Erslund) Twedt, both of whom were natives of Norway, but they were married in this county in 1860. The father came to the United States in 1854 but did not locate in Story county until two years later, at which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, cultivating it up to the time of his death in 1901. He was an energetic man and a good manager, and was a religious man, being very instrumental in organizing the Lutheran church at Roland, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Twedt were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living: Abel, a resident of Warren township; Jane, who married Lars Amdall; Joe H., of Story county; Sam H.; Andrew H., who lives in Hamilton county; Henry, also residing in Hamilton county; and Julia, the wife of Olaus Osheim. The father passed away in 1901 at the venerable age of seventy-seven years, but the mother is still living and continues to reside on the old homestead. Mr. Twedt always gave his support to the republican party but was never an office seeker. He was highly regarded in the township where he lived, his industry and upright life commanding the respect of all who knew him.





MR. AND MRS. SAM H. TWEDT





MRS. ALICE TWEDT



Sam H. Twedt spent the first twenty years of his life on the homestead in Howard township, in the district schools of which township he acquired his education. When he had completed his school course he assisted his father with the work of the farm and this arrangement continued until 1887, when the young man decided to begin working for himself. He first engaged in farming as a renter in Emmet county, where he remained for two years but at the end of that time he returned to Story county and rented a farm which he cultivated for five years. Untiring energy, perseverance and economy won the usual reward and at the expiration of that period he was able to become a property owner and invested his accumulated savings in one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 4, Warren township. Careful supervision and close application resulted in his adding another eighty acres in 1900 and eight years later he annexed by purchase a similar amount, so that he now possesses one-half section of some of Story county's most fertile and valuable land. In addition to his extensive real-estate interests Mr. Twedt is a stockholder and official of the McCallsburg State Bank, a director of the Farmers Creamery Company of the same place and a stockholder of the Farmers Savings Bank of Roland, Iowa.

Mr. Twedt has been married twice, his first wife being Miss Alice Christian, the daughter of John Christian, and unto them were born three children: Herman J., Cecilia and Helen, all at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1901 and the father holds in trust for his children two hundred and forty acres of land, the mother's portion of her father's estate. His present wife was Miss Hattie Krohn, who was born in Story county in 1881, a daughter of Hans and Annie (Sadvig) Krohn, both of whom were natives of Norway. They emigrated to the United States in 1870 and came directly to Story county, where they still reside. They were the parents of five children, Mrs. Twedt being the second in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Twedt have one little son, their only child, Allis.

Mr. Twedt votes the republican ticket and has been honored by being elected township trustee, which office he has held for two years. He is one of the older residents of Story county and is in every way worthy of the regard in which he is held in the community where he lives.

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### RALPH E. MARSH.

Ralph E. Marsh, one of the leading merchants of Story county, conducts an extensive business at Collins as a dealer in furniture and carpets and also handles agricultural implements. In addition to his interests in this connection he is likewise the proprietor of an undertaking establishment. His birth occurred near Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the 8th of December, 1866, his parents being Lewis W. and Laura A. (Hartpence) Marsh, the former

a native of England and the latter of Indiana. Lewis W. Marsh emigrated to the United States with his parents when a youth in his teens, the family home being established in Stephenson county, Illinois. Becoming a carpenter's apprentice, he thoroughly familiarized himself with the trade and followed it until the outbreak of the Civil war. Offering his services to the Union, he served the country for a short time as a carpenter. Soon after his return from the war he journeyed westward to Marshall county, Iowa, and there wedded Miss Laura Hartpence, who had accompanied her parents on their removal from Indiana to this state. Following his marriage he took up his abode on a farm near Oskaloosa, residing thereon for about two years. He next followed farming in Marshall county for a similar period and then came to Story county, purchasing three hundred and five acres of land one mile east of Collins and operating the place until he put aside the active work of the fields about 1897. For a period of five years he lived in Collins and in 1902 removed to Pasadena, California, where both he and his wife have since made their home, enjoying the fruits of their former toil in well earned ease. Mr. Marsh still retains two hundred and sixty-five acres of his land in Collins township, which is generally known as the garden spot of Story county. He and his wife are consistent and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives.

Ralph E. Marsh was reared under the parental roof, attending the public schools in the acquirement of an education. On attaining his majority he started out in life for himself as an agriculturist, renting and operating the home farm for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased and located on a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 2, Collins township, there carrying on agricultural pursuits for about ten years. In 1901 he left the farm and took up his abode in Collins, where a year later he established the business which he now conducts and which has since assumed extensive and profitable proportions. In connection with his interests as a dealer in furniture and agricultural implements he also conducts an undertaking business, for which he is well qualified, being a 1900 graduate of the Hohenschuhe Carpenter School of Embalming of Des Moines, Iowa. He is careful in formulating plans, is determined in their execution and displays keen foresight in managing his varied interests.

In 1891 Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Edith Black, a daughter of James Black, a prominent farmer of Lee county, Illinois. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, four of whom still survive, namely: Hazel M., Harold, Kenneth T. and Glenn B.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Marsh has supported the men and measures of the republican party. He is a member of the present town council of Collins, having been identified therewith for seven consecutive years. In fraternal circles he is well known, belonging to Fervent Lodge No. 513, A. F. & A. M.; Amity Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F.; Crescent Camp No. 2358, M. W. A.; and Collins Homestead No. 365, Yeo-



men of America. Both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs. They are well known in Collins and have an extensive circle of warm friends, who esteem them highly for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Marsh has made steady progress in his business career and, placing his dependence upon the safe, substantial qualities of diligence and perseverance, has gained a goodly measure of success and moreover has won a most honored name.

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### HENRY YEAGER.

Henry Yeager, a prominent and well known resident of Colo, is the cashier and business manager of the Colo Savings Bank, having served in that capacity since November, 1909. His birth occurred in Switzerland on the 3d of December, 1860, his parents being Florian and Maria (Hauswirth) Yeager, who were likewise natives of that country. The father was a silk worker, being employed in the silk mills in the town of Chur, Switzerland, and later in Paris, France, where he spent some years. Later he returned to his native country and there passed away. In 1865 Mrs. Yeager emigrated to the United States in company with her only child, Henry, locating in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, where her demise occurred four years afterward.

Henry Yeager, who was but a lad of eight when his mother died, was reared by an uncle, Josias Florin, remaining with that gentleman until he had attained the age of nineteen years. At that time he took up the study of telegraphy and was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company for three years, on the expiration of which period he entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. After a temporary location of more than a year in Bertram and Lowden, Iowa, he was made agent at Colo, holding that position for twenty-five and a half years. This fact in itself speaks volumes for his capability and fidelity in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him. In November, 1909, he was appointed cashier of the Colo Savings Bank and tendered his resignation to the Northwestern Railroad Company. It is one of the conservative and substantial moneyed institutions of this part of the state and its success is attributable in large measure to the efforts, the executive ability and the enterprise of Mr. Yeager, and his son, who has been assistant cashier for the past six or seven years, and also Mr. D. F. Bartlett, who was Mr. Yeager's predecessor.

In July, 1884, Mr. Yeager was united in marriage to Miss Anna Weber, of Waumandee, Wisconsin, by whom he has two children: Charles W., assistant cashier of the Colo Savings Bank; and Florian J., who is attending the Colo high school.

In politics Mr. Yeager is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as mayor of Colo for six years and acted as a member of the town council for a similar period. For the past fifteen years he has been a member of the Colo school board and is now serving as its president. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Columbia Lodge, No. 202, A. F. & A. M., and Three Times Three Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M. He likewise belongs to Colo Camp, No. 1591, M. W. A., while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, with which his wife is also affiliated. Mr. Yeager is faithful in all his duties as a citizen and wields a forceful influence in his community, in all parts of which he is highly respected.

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### S. S. HANSON.

S. S. Hanson, one of the best known and most prosperous residents of Story county, is the proprietor of the Meadow Lawn Stock Farm, embracing five hundred and fifty-seven acres of land in Collins township. He is likewise a prominent factor in financial circles, having served as president of the Exchange State Bank at Collins since its organization. In public life, too, his influence has been felt and he is now ably discharging the duties devolving upon him as county supervisor. His birth occurred in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 25th of September, 1804, his parents being Hans and Mary (Ashton) Hanson, the former a native of Norway and the latter of Muskingum county, Ohio. When still but a boy Hans Hanson accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Illinois. He grew to manhood in that state and in 1849 joined the "fortune hunters" who were flocking to California in search of gold. Crossing the plains with an ox team, he remained in California for about four years but met with only average success. Being next attracted to the Australia gold fields, he also spent about four years in that country with excellent results. It was with the intention of investing his money in Illinois farm lands that he returned to that state, but believing the price too high for profitable investment, he came to Iowa, purchasing and locating on a quarter section of land in Clear Creek township, Jasper county. In that township he made his home throughout the remainder of his active business career, being successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits. On putting aside the active work of the fields he took up his abode in Collins, where his demise occurred late in the '90s. His wife was called to her final rest about two weeks later.

S. S. Hanson remained with his parents until about twenty-four years of age, when his father removed to Collins, leaving him in charge of the home farm. In partnership with his brother George he operated the place

as a renter for three years and then purchased the farm, continuing to reside thereon during the next six or seven years, at the end of which time he sold it to his brother, who had just been married. On leaving the home farm Mr. Hanson of this review purchased and located upon what was known as the Bricker estate of two hundred and forty acres, which lies within the corporate limits of the town of Collins. From time to time he has extended the boundaries of this place by additional purchase until it now embraces five hundred and fifty-seven acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. The buildings which he has erected thereon are the finest in Story county and the farm is one of the best improved within its borders. Mr. Hanson was for a number of years an extensive buyer and shipper of stock, but more recently has given his attention largely to his farming and stock feeding interests. He personally supervises the operation of his entire farm, hiring three married men as assistants throughout the year. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Exchange State Bank of Collins, was chosen president of the institution and has served in that capacity continuously since.

On the 17th of June, 1894, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie P. Mead, a daughter of Charles Mead, now deceased, who was one of the most widely known and successful farmers and stockmen of Story county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children, namely: Mabel, Charles, Lester, Dorothy, Mary and Margaret.

In politics Mr. Hanson is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. For several years he has served as a member of the school board and town council. He was elected to the board of county supervisors in November, 1910, and has already proven himself an able incumbent. Always a resident of this part of the state, he is widely and favorably known and the fact that many of his staunchest friends have been his acquaintances from boyhood indicates that his has been an upright and honorable career.

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### JOHN W. JOHN.

John W. John, a retired agriculturist residing in Maxwell, was for many years actively and successfully identified with farming interests in Story county, thus winning the competence which now enables him to spend his declining years in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Carroll county, Indiana, on the 14th of September, 1837, his parents being Bowen W. and Cynthia Ann (Todd) John, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively. They came to Iowa in 1853, settling near Ottumwa, Wapello county, where they remained for one year. On the expiration of that period they took up their abode in Allamakee county, while the year 1857 witnessed their arrival in Story county. In the fall of 1859 Bowen

W. John removed to Kansas, his son John having previously made his way to the Sunflower state. Because of the disastrous drought in the summer of 1860 he returned to Iowa, locating at Iowa Center, Story county. His wife died during the following summer and he then took up his abode in Indiana, remaining in the Hoosier state for a year. At the end of that time he once more came to Story county, here continuing to reside until called to his final rest in 1878, when he had attained the age of eighty-one years.

John W. John was reared under the parental roof, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. His opportunities in this direction were but limited, for he was able to attend school for only two or three months each winter. The little "temple of learning" was a log structure, with slab benches, puncheon floor, etc. Despite his early disadvantages, however, Mr. John has become a well informed man, constantly augmenting his knowledge by reading, experience and observation. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of twenty-two years he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. He began farming in Indian Creek township, Story county, cultivating some land which belonged to his wife. Subsequently he purchased a tract of fifty-three acres and as his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he added to his holdings from time to time until they embraced five hundred acres of rich and productive land. He recently disposed of a quarter section but still owns the home farm of three hundred and forty acres; a tract of eighty acres in Polk county, five miles south of Cambridge; and two hundred and seventy-eight acres in Oklahoma. In the spring of 1891 he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Maxwell, there residing for four years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Cambridge, where he made his home for fifteen years. In September, 1910, he returned to Maxwell, where he is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He owns a handsome home in Maxwell and also has a residence in Cambridge. His labors as an agriculturist were attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of the county.

In March, 1860, Mr. John was united in marriage to Miss Sarah L. Bell, a daughter of John J. and Sarah (Kelly) Bell, of Nevada. To them were born eight children, as follows: Marion Edgar, who is a resident of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Charles C., living in Council Hill, Oklahoma; Carrie Blanche, the wife of A. L. Bartlett, of Leola, South Dakota; Ida M., who is the wife of C. M. Webb and resides on her father's home farm; John Willard, of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Anna R., who is the wife of John Bowen and likewise resides on her father's farm; Fred M., living in Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Esther B., who is with her parents.



In politics Mr. John is a staunch prohibitionist, having done all in his power to promote the strength of that party and kill the liquor traffic, which he believes is the worst evil with which our country has to contend. There were but four or five prohibitionists in Maxwell when he came here and now there are twenty-eight. He and his wife are of the Evangelical faith but as there is no congregation of that denomination here, they worship in the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. John was class-leader for twenty-five years. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in the county where he has so long resided and, as all who know him entertain for him high regard, his friends are legion. His thoughts are not retrospective but are concerned with the affairs of the day, and to him are applicable the words of Victor Hugo that while "the frost of winter is on his head, the flowers of spring are in his heart."

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### GEORGE HARDENBROOK.

George Hardenbrook, who was appointed postmaster of Maxwell in May, 1897, and has served continuously since, was born in Wawaka, Noble county, Indiana, on the 2d of August, 1843, his parents being Freeman and Sarah (Gibson) Hardenbrook, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. They were married in Noble county, Indiana, where they had gone as children with their respective parents, both the Hardenbrook and Gibson families being among the early pioneer settlers of that county. Freeman Hardenbrook followed farming in Noble county, where the demise of his wife occurred. In 1869 he came to Iowa, purchasing and locating on a small farm in Jasper county, where he made his home until called to his final rest in March, 1882, when sixty-three years of age.

George Hardenbrook was reared at home, acquiring his education in one of the primitive log schoolhouses characteristic of those early times. On the 12th of October, 1863, he became a member of Company B, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry, serving with that command until the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south. He did detail duty as dispatch bearer during almost the entire period and was mustered out on the 19th of June, 1865. After returning from the war he worked on the home farm in Noble county for two years and then came to Iowa, arriving in this state on the 5th of May, 1867. For a year or more he was employed in a store at Peoria, Polk county, and at the end of that time went to Iowa Center. There he remained for twenty-three years in the service of the firm of Baldwin & Maxwell, one of the largest mercantile concerns in that section of the state. In 1891 he came to Maxwell, Story county, and was here employed in the mercantile establishment of C. H. Dickey for a number of years. In May, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Maxwell, in which capacity he has served continuously since, discharging the duties



devolving upon him in this connection in a most prompt and efficient manner.

On the 10th of December, 1860, Mr. Hardenbrook was united in marriage to Miss Addie Wells, a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Park) Wells, who were born, reared and married in New Jersey. Subsequently they removed to Bureau county, Illinois, where they remained for some years, coming thence to Story county, Iowa, and taking up their abode among the early settlers here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hardenbrook were born eight children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: Frank J., a resident of Chicago, who is a baggagemaster on the Milwaukee Railroad running between Chicago and Omaha; Jennie, the wife of L. G. Merrill, of Neola, Iowa; Harry F.; Joseph H., a telegraph operator at Little Falls, Minnesota; and Clyde G., assistant postmaster at Maxwell, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Hardenbrook is a staunch republican, believing that the principles of that party are most conducive to good government. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in James H. Ewing Post, No. 305, G. A. R. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hardenbrook has been a resident of Maxwell for two decades and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

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### MAJOR EPHRAIM HIX.

On the roll of Story county's honored dead appears the name of Major Ephraim Hix, who for many years was closely associated with the farming interests and later with the real-estate and abstract business of this part of the state. Energy and determination ever characterized him in his business career and he worked his way steadily upward to success, enjoying at the same time the honor, confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

He was a native of Alabama Center, Genesee county, New York, his birthplace being near the Erie canal and the celebrated roadway from Lewiston to Lockport, New York. He was born October 28, 1830, and was the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children, eight of whom reached adult age. He came of most creditable ancestry, the line being traced back on the paternal side to one who was a member of Lord Baltimore's colony in Maryland, while in the maternal line he is descended from the Pilgrims who first settled New England. In the year 1848 he removed westward with his parents to De Kalb county, Illinois, being then a lad of nine years. He pursued his education in the public schools and afterward in Mount Morris Academy, largely meeting the expense of his college course by teaching or other kinds of labor during vacations. He subsequently attended Wheaton College. Eventually he engaged in business on his own account in Sycamore, Illinois, and he also made several trips to California in the interest of



MAJOR E. HIX



commercial enterprises engineered by his brother Seymour or himself. He made his first trip across the plains in 1861—a trip involving much hardship for that day. He was absent for about a year and then returned by way of the isthmus of Panama and by steamer to New York.

Major Hix was married at Sycamore, Illinois, December 7, 1864, to Miss Susan Ancelia Ring, who for more than forty years was a faithful and helpful companion to him, sharing with him in all of the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which came to him.

In 1869, influenced largely by health considerations, he disposed of his De Kalb county interests and came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Richland township, Story county. That place remained the family home until 1883, when it became evident that Mr. Hix could no longer endure the hardship and exposure of farm life and he took up his abode in Nevada. Here he became a partner of M. C. Allen in the real-estate and abstract business. This relation was in force without intermission or disagreements to the time of his death, or for a period of nearly twenty-two years. He enjoyed to the fullest extent the high regard and confidence of his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and frequently honored him with local offices. He was a member of the city council in 1895 and 1896, and in 1897 and 1898 filled the office of mayor, giving to the city the benefit of his broad business experience and public spirit. In both positions he discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the public.

As previously stated, Major Hix was married in 1864 to Miss Susan Ancelia Ring. She was born in Huntington, Chittenden county, Vermont, June 30, 1840, and was but seven years of age when she accompanied her parents to Wheaton, Illinois, where she resided up to the time of her marriage. She pursued a course in the Wheaton College and afterward engaged in teaching school for nine years. Her people were among the pioneer settlers of Wheaton but her parents, Greenleaf and Betsey (Bunker) Ring, were natives of New Hampshire. Their last days were spent in California, to which state they removed in 1869. Their family numbered six children, three sons and three daughters. Her brother, Professor Orvis Ring, graduated in the first class from Wheaton College fifty years ago and his whole life has been devoted to teaching, while his means have largely been given to the education of poor boys. He was superintendent of the public schools of Reno, Nevada, for seventeen years, was county superintendent of schools for a number of years and state superintendent for twelve years, filling the last named position at the time of his death, which occurred September 19, 1910. Mrs. Hix has long lived in this part of the state. She was residing at Wheaton when the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad was completed and she saw the first train which passed through that place. As the years have come and gone she has witnessed many changes in Illinois and Iowa as these comparatively unimproved and undeveloped states have been transformed into extremely productive regions, taking leadership among the agricultural states of the Union.



The death of Major Hix occurred May 13, 1905, when he had reached the age of sixty-five years, six months and fifteen days. One of the local papers said of him: "As a man, Mr. Hix bore an unblemished name. He inherited good mental powers which were well disciplined in the schools and enriched by reading, travel and observation. He was well informed on the questions of his time and able to give a reason for the views he held. He was a man of positive convictions and though firm in their maintenance was mild and gentlemanly in doing so. The condition of his health for many years involved throat and lung trouble with increasing tendency to consumption; and this condition not only required his frequent sojourn in winters in milder climates and made necessary the watchful care of himself at all times but also circumscribed his business and social activities from what they would have been had he been blessed with robust health. But he possessed in good degree the cooperative, social, fraternal and companionable spirit as those who in one way and another came into intimate relations with him freely testify; and he formed deep and lasting friendships, as was evidenced by the many old friends present at his obsequies. He held those moral and religious convictions that lead to uprightness of life. In a word Mr. Hix was a man of sterling character, a good husband, a kindly neighbor and a worthy citizen; and the home and the city out of which he has passed have sustained a greatly regretted loss." A man of sterling purpose and of high principles, Major Hix ranked for many years as one of the most valued citizens of Nevada and his splendid qualities gained for him the highest regard of all who knew him. His record is in many respects an example well worthy of emulation and no history of Story county would be complete without mention of him because of his close and honorable association with many interests that pertained to the general welfare.

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#### ARTHUR RAY JOHNSON.

Arthur Ray Johnson, the junior partner of the firm of the Nelson & Johnson Investment Company, was born in Garden City, Iowa, on the 3d of January, 1883, and is a son of Svend M. and Lola (Sink) Johnson. The father was a native of Norway but emigrated to the United States in 1872, going directly to Tama county, Iowa, where he resided for six years. In 1878 he removed to Hardin county, Iowa, and engaged in farming up to the time of his death in January, 1907, at the age of fifty-one years. He was a most successful farmer and had acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hardin county at the time of his demise. He married Miss Lola Sink and to them were born two children: Cleo, who lives at home, and Arthur Ray. The family attended the United Evangelical church, of which the parents were members, Mrs. Johnson still being identified with that denomination. Mr. Johnson always voted the republican

ticket and, taking an active interest in politics, he filled the office of township assessor for twelve years.

Arthur Ray Johnson received his early education in the common schools of Hardin county and later he attended Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, for a while. In 1904 he came to McCallsburg, where he was employed in the bank for two years, and at the end of that time he formed a partnership with N. H. Nelson and they are engaged in the land, loan and insurance business under the firm name of the Nelson & Johnson Investment Company. Both members of the firm are popular in McCallsburg, where their ability and high principles have won for them recognition as men who are building up a clientage on a policy of fair dealing and strict integrity.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage on the 1st of January, 1909, to Miss Ethyl Babcock, a daughter of F. D. Babcock of McCallsburg. They attend the Presbyterian church in which Mr. Johnson holds membership. Ever since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage he has cast his ballot for the candidates of the prohibition party, and although he has never taken a particularly active interest in local politics he is always at the polls on election day to fulfill his duty as a citizen.

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### THOMAS JEFFERSON MILLER.

Thomas Jefferson Miller resides at No. 211 South Kellogg street in Ames, where he has made his home since 1896. He has lived retired during the past three years but previously was engaged in agricultural and commercial pursuits and also served in public office. He was born in McLean county, Illinois, November 21, 1841, a son of John and Blanche (Taylor) Miller, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The father was born July 29, 1801, and the mother on the 20th of March, 1809. In childhood they went with their respective parents to Champaign county, Ohio, where they were reared and married, and in 1826 they removed to McLean county, Illinois, where they resided for two decades. The year 1856 witnessed their arrival in Story county, Iowa, and, settling upon a farm in Franklin township, they there spent their remaining days, the father passing away January 15, 1886, while his wife survived until October 24, 1889. In addition to farming he operated a sawmill for a number of years after his arrival. He entered several tracts of land in the western part of the state but did not reside thereon, although at one time he owned a thousand acres. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment, keen discrimination and unfaltering energy and upon those qualities he builded his success, which made him one of the substantial residents of the county. His political allegiance was given to the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new republican party, which he supported until his death.

During the greater part of his residence in Story county he filled the office of justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. His entire life was in harmony with his professions as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he took an active part.

Unto him and his wife were born eight children: James H., now deceased; John F., a resident of Clinton, Illinois; Ichabod Taylor, deceased, who was a Methodist Episcopal preacher and who served for several years in the Civil war, a part of the time as private and later as chaplain of the Ninety-fourth Illinois Infantry; William O., who has resided in California since 1859; Rohama J., who died in infancy; Charles P., who was killed in the charge at Black River Bridge in the Civil war; Samuel H., who died in Texas; and Thomas J.

The last named remained upon the home farm in Illinois until twelve years of age, when, with his parents, he removed to Bloomington, that state, there residing for two years. In 1856 the family came to Story county, Iowa, settling in Bloomington, Franklin township, and there Thomas J. Miller remained until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 9th of August, 1862, as a member of Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion's Hill and Black River Bridge. He was taken ill soon afterward and subsequently did camp duty. He was in the convalescent hospital during the siege of Vicksburg and was discharged at Vicksburg on the 11th of August, 1863.

After his return home Mr. Miller engaged in farming with his father for a short time but later entered the nursery business at Bloomington, in connection with Captain R. S. Osborne, carrying on business under the firm style of Osborne & Miller for about nine years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Miller began farming on his own account and devoted his energies untiringly to general agricultural pursuits until 1891, when he was elected county treasurer, entering upon the duties of the office on the 1st of January, 1892. He served for two terms, or four years, his reelection coming to him as an indication of the confidence and trust reposed in him. On his retirement from office he engaged in the grocery business at Ames for nine years, first as a member of the firm of Miller & Korseu, and later under the firm style of Miller & Son. At the time of the second opening of territory in Oklahoma, in February, 1900, he went to that state and took up a homestead near Frederick, spending about nineteen months there. At length he sold out, trading his store for Kansas land, which he has since sold. During the past three years he has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in a well earned rest, his home being at No. 211 South Kellogg street in Ames, where he has resided since 1899, save for a brief interval of absence.

Mr. Miller has been twice married. On the 28th of November, 1866, he wedded Lizzie McClain, who was born August 28, 1848, and died March 2, 1898, leaving a son, William Howard, who died at the age of two years.

In 1873 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Belle M. Bisbee, who was born in Chenango, New York, June 9, 1855, and there resided until 1867, when she came to Story county, Iowa, with her parents, Bolivar and Martha Malina (Herrick) Bisbee, both of whom were natives of New York, the former born September 5, 1826, and the latter about 1828. The mother died when her daughter Mrs. Miller was but seven years of age and the father afterward married again. On coming with his family to Iowa he settled in Bloomington, Franklin township, and his remaining days were spent in this county, his death occurring in December, 1895. He had four children by his first wife and three by his second wife. Unto Thomas J. and Belle Miller there have been born five children: Della Marian, the wife of F. M. Dawson, of Story City; George Atherton, living in Ames; Lena Belle and Harry Claude, who died in infancy; and Lizzie Azalia, who died at the age of five years.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Miller has given his political support to the republican party and has served in some local offices, acting as township trustee of Franklin township, also as a member of the school board. Externally he is connected with Ellsworth Post, No. 30, G. A. R., and with Ames Lodge, I. O. O. F. He likewise belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and in these relations are found the guiding principles of his life, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor. He has ever been loyal to the trust reposed in him, faithful in his obligations of citizenship and straightforward in all business dealings, and because of these qualities the years have brought him the warm regard of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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### THOMAS P. CHILDS.

One of the extensive landowners of Grant township is Thomas P. Childs. He is a native of the Empire state, having been born in Philadelphia, Jefferson county, New York, on the 7th of December, 1840. He is of Quaker extraction and is the son of Aaron and Mary (Hicks) Childs. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of New York. They were the parents of nine children, all but two of whom have now passed away, those living being: Henry, a resident of Clinton, Iowa, and Thomas P., our subject.

It was in the district and common schools of Jefferson county, New York, that Thomas P. Childs acquired his early education. He remained a member of his father's household until he had attained the age of twenty-three years, having occupied the greater part of that time in the acquirement of an education and fitting himself for his life's work, which he early decided would be along agricultural lines. In 1863 he turned his face westward, feeling that better opportunities were afforded a young man of lim-



ited capital in a new country, and he located in Iowa. In 1868 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Story county but did not take up his residence there until 1870, at which time he removed to this county with his wife and one child. He later sold this place and bought the three hundred acres where he now resides. His is one of the valuable farms of the county. It contains modern improvements, which are kept in repair, he raises a good grade of stock and his carefully cultivated fields produce abundant harvests.

Mr. Childs married Miss Catherine Grohe, and they have become the parents of three children, who are as follows: Oliver, who was graduated at the Iowa State University with the degree of C. E. and is now a bridge engineer in St. Louis, Missouri; L. B., a farmer in Grant township; and Winnie, the wife of John Fay of Cambridge.

Ever since he acquired the right of full citizenship Mr. Childs has been casting his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He has taken an active part in local politics and is highly esteemed by his constituency as is indicated by his position on the school board. He is one of the older residents of this county and during his period of citizenship has shown himself to be a man well worthy of the esteem which is generally accorded him. He has met with success in his pursuits but it has never been achieved at the expense of honor and at no time has his integrity been assailed or in any way questioned.

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#### PETER A. SOLEM.

Roland is indebted to Norway for many of its estimable citizens and among these is Peter A. Solem. He was born in the Norseland in 1857 and had sailed the seas and lived in various climes before he became a member of Uncle Sam's family. He acquired his education in his native land and then followed the sea, sailing for one and one-half years on a Norwegian ship. After that he emigrated to South Africa and worked for a time as a cabinet-maker. He then went to Australia, but only remained in that country for six months. He was next employed as a sailor on an English vessel but finally decided to become a resident of the United States. His first permanent location in this country was in Story county, Iowa, of which he is still a citizen. When he arrived here he engaged in carpentry but after following that trade for two years he decided to go into the furniture business and opened a store in Roland in 1887, which he continues to conduct, being the pioneer furniture dealer of the town.

Since his residence here Mr. Solem has been married to Miss Annie Helland, who was also a native of Norway. They have become the parents of three children, two of whom are still living: Adelaide and Oswald, both



of whom are attending school. They lost one little daughter, Selma, at the age of two years.

The family attend the Lutheran church in which the parents are communicants. Ever since he has acquired the full rights of citizenship through naturalization Mr. Solem has cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party, as he feels that the basic principles of that political body are best adapted to subserve the interests of the general public. He has always been a very active wide-awake citizen, taking a warm interest in all municipal affairs and for three years served as a member of the Roland council and is now acting as a member of the board of school directors.

He is a progressive man, possessing very broad views. His extensive travel and residence in so many different countries, as well as the fact of his having followed various occupations, has given him a comprehensive understanding and grasp of many subjects which never come within the scope of the average individual who only acquires his knowledge from books or at second hand. He has always proven himself to be a capable man, well worthy of the regard which is generally granted him by his fellow townsmen.

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#### LOGAN OLINGER.

One of the noticeable factors of recent years in business circles is the presence of young men in positions of large responsibility. Possessing advantages of early training of which former generations had only a dim conception, they are prepared to advance rapidly and the result is that many of the important enterprises of the country are directed by young men. Logan Olinger, in the real-estate business at Maxwell, belongs to the class briefly outlined above. He is a native of Maxwell, born February 23, 1880, a son of George W. Olinger, a record of whom appears in the sketch of Charles E. Olinger, to be found elsewhere in this work.

Logan Olinger received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town and also attended the high school. At the age of nineteen years he became connected with the real-estate business of his brother, Charles E. Olinger, and in March, 1900, was made a member of the firm of Olinger Brothers and was placed in charge of the insurance department, the firm doing the largest fire insurance business of any in this section of the state. As time passed the personal affairs of the senior member of the concern demanded more and more of his attention until, on December 1, 1909, he retired and the subject of this review is now sole proprietor. The firm has been prominent in handling local real estate but its main operations have been in Iowa and Dakota farm lands, while the insurance business controlled by them under active and able management has grown to remarkable proportions.

On the 2d of May, 1906, Mr. Olinger was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Sherman, a daughter of Silas and Mary E. (Gamble) Sherman. The father is now deceased but Mrs. Sherman is still living and makes her home in Maxwell. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Olinger, but only one, Paul B., is now living.

Mr. Olinger gives his support to the democratic party but does not devote much attention to politics, as his time is largely taken up with his business affairs. He is a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and is connected with the Commercial Club of Maxwell, being president of this organization. He and his wife are valued members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Olinger is remarkably active, clear-sighted and efficient in the line to which he has devoted his talents ever since he began the battle with the world, and he has gained a very high standing among the successful promoters of land enterprises as well as in the field of insurance. Through persistent purpose he has won his way to general recognition, presenting one of the most striking examples of the effect of well applied energy that may be met with in the state of Iowa.

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#### FRANK J. OLSAN.

Frank J. Olsan, a well known agriculturist of Story county, was born on the 17th of February, 1859, in Moravia, in which country his ancestors have been engaged in the occupation of horticulture in the same place for a period of four hundred and eighty years. He came to the United States in 1887, first locating in Iowa City, Iowa, but the following year removed to Nebraska. In 1891, however, he returned to the Hawkeye state and settled in Story county, where he has since continued to reside. He is engaged in the seed, nursery and florist business, in which line he has shown himself to have few equals. At the present time he has six hothouses containing fifteen thousand feet of glass, the space which he is utilizing being equal to thirty acres of land. That he is thoroughly conversant with every detail of his work is indicated by the abundance and perfection of his products. Since his residence here he has acquired a much more than local reputation being known as one of the most capable and competent representatives of the science of horticulture in the country. He was the first editor of the horticultural department of the *Hospodar of Omaha*, Nebraska, the largest Bohemian publication in the world interested in this subject. He is now associate editor of the same publication, the growing demands of his business precluding the possibility of his devoting as much time as formerly to his editorial work.

Mr. Olsan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Danek, also a native of Moravia, and unto them have been born nine children, eight of whom





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are still living as follows: Lidia, Milos, Ladie, Charles, Lumer, George, William and Erma.

Mr. Olsan is fraternally identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Homesteaders and Yeomen of America. Ever since he acquired the right of suffrage through naturalization he has cast his ballot for the republican party, feeling that the policy of that organization best subserves the interests of the majority by its principle of protection. During his period of residence in Story county his life has met all the requirements of good citizenship, and he is well worthy of the regard awarded him in the community.

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### ELMER F. BIDDLE.

Elmer F. Biddle, one of the well known stockmen of Story county, who is now serving as clerk of Grant township, was born in McLean county, Illinois, on the 30th of May, 1869, a son of Dorrel F. and Rebecca (Lambert) Biddle. His parents were both natives of the Buckeye state. His father was born in 1836 and after he had acquired an education decided to become a farmer. He was very successful in his work, and particularly in his specialty, which was the raising and feeding of stock, accumulating a nice competency and considerable valuable property. He was always identified with the republican party and was very active in politics, holding many of the minor offices in his locality.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Biddle were the parents of six children: Melissa, who married William Merna, of Bloomington, Illinois; Maywood, who is also married and is living in South Dakota; Edna, the widow of D. C. Fletcher; Elmer F., our subject; Pearl J., who is married and is living in Bloomington, Illinois; and Wilmer O., also a resident of Bloomington. The mother passed away November 3, 1901, and the father survived until the 21st of December, 1906.

Elmer F. Biddle received his preliminary education in the common schools of McLean county, Illinois, and later went to Danville for one year for a more advanced course. His early years were quite similar to those of the majority of youths reared in the country. When he had reached the age when it was time for him to lay aside his text-books and assume the more practical duties of life he assisted his father up to the age of twenty-two years. At that time he bought one hundred and thirty-six acres of land in partnership with his brother Maywood and followed cooperative farming for a time. Later he sold his interest to his brother and cultivated rented land for a time. He then bought eighty acres, upon which he lived until he came to Story county in 1898. The first year after his removal here he rented land but very soon after his arrival bought one hundred and sixty acres. He has since added one hundred and sixty acres

to his farm and now owns three hundred and twenty acres of good land. Like his father he has always made a specialty of the breeding and raising of stock. He has some good thoroughbred animals on his farm, taking particular pride in his Duroc hogs and Polled Angus cattle, in the breeding and raising of which he has been quite successful. He also raises and breeds pure bred Percheron horses, in which he has been equally successful, having very much improved the standard of pacing horses in this section. He has the distinction of having bred a pacer—E. F. B.—who made a 2:20 record after a fifteen days' tryout.

On the 6th of January, 1891, Mr. Biddle was united in wedlock to Miss Sarah Maroney, a native of Woodford county, Illinois, and of this union eight children have been born, seven of whom are living, the order of their birth being as follows: Dorrel, now attending high school; David, who died at the age of nine months; Ethel, Elmer Charles, Jr., Edna and Maud, all of whom are in school; and Wayne and Ralph, who are at home.

Ever since he attained his majority Mr. Biddle has cast his vote with the republican party and has been very active in politics. At present he is filling the office of township clerk. His fraternal relations are entirely confined to membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation being with the Nevada camp. During his residence in Story county Mr. Biddle has proven himself to be a capable and competent business man and is regarded as one of the successful and prosperous farmers of the community. He is favorably regarded by those with whom he has had business and social relations and is well liked in the district where he resides.

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### ALFRED J. FAWCETT.

Alfred J. Fawcett, a prominent representative of financial interests in Story county, is the cashier of the People's State Bank at Maxwell, which institution he organized. His birth occurred in New Albany township, this county, on the 23d of October, 1869. He was reared on the home farm and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the common schools, by a course of study in the Collins high school. Subsequently he entered what is now known as the Leander Clark College at Toledo, Iowa, pursuing the commercial course and being graduated with the class of 1890.

Desiring to learn telegraphy, he entered the telegraph office at Collins but about two and a half months later was offered and accepted a position in a lumberyard. He took the position, however, with the intention of returning to the telegraph office, for the click of the key possessed a fascination for him. But it seemed that he was destined for some other field of activity. He remained in the lumberyard for about two years and then

entered the service of the Exchange Bank of Collins, a private institution, acting as bookkeeper and assistant cashier for about ten years. On the expiration of that period the owner died and Mr. Fawcett was made administrator, continuing to conduct the business of the bank for the estate for about six months. In July, 1902, he reorganized the institution, which became known as the Exchange State Bank and of which he was made cashier and manager, serving in the dual capacity for two and a half years, when he sold his interest with the intention of going to California, in which state his parents were residing. Instead, however, he returned to the farm to look after some improvements and remained thereon for two years, abandoning his California trip. He next entered the county treasurer's office at Nevada as deputy and on leaving the office, in April, 1908, organized the People's State Bank of Maxwell, being placed in charge of the institution. A man of excellent executive ability and keen discrimination, he has since contributed in large measure to the success and growth of the bank. In addition to his financial interests he owns a farm in Indian Creek township, this county, and another in South Dakota.

In 1892 Mr. Fawcett was united in marriage to Miss Huldah Hanson, a native of Jasper county, Iowa, by whom he has four children: Genevieve M., Geraldine M., Helene M. and Alfred H. Mr. Fawcett gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with Herald Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Sylvan Camp, No. 2417, M. W. A. His business record is one which any man might be proud to possess. Starting at the bottom round of the ladder, he has advanced steadily step by step until he is now occupying a position of prominence and trust. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, never making an engagement that he has not filled nor incurring obligations that he has not met. He stands today an example of what determination and force, combined with the highest degree of business integrity, can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character.

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### DANIEL MCCARTHY.

Daniel McCarthy, to whose enterprising spirit Ames is largely indebted for its educational and commercial development, was born in Leeds county, Ontario, Canada, on the 11th of January, 1833. He is the son of Florence McCarthy, a native of County Cork, Ireland, who was educated in the city of Cork. The father was a profound student and deep thinker as well as an ardent advocate of the education of the masses and was one of the first propagators of the free school system in Canada. He taught school for thirty-two years, teaching twelve months in succession. After he became a



resident of Canada he received the appointment of justice of peace from the crown. Mr. McCarthy was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore and by this union seven children were born, three of whom still survive, the son Daniel being the second in order of birth.

Daniel McCarthy acquired his fundamental education in the district schools of Canada and after laying aside his text-books he apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade. When he attained his majority he left the land of his nativity and located in Jefferson county, New York, but after a brief residence there he decided to follow the sea for a while, believing the opportunities so afforded of studying the customs and habits of other nations at first hand would prove a liberal education. He shipped out of Sackets Harbor, New York, as a sailor, but two months of this life was sufficient and he migrated to Chicago and then removed to the central part of Illinois and obtained a position as fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad for a few months. In the winter of 1854 he came west to Iowa and located in Marshall county, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. He remained there until the 1st of April, 1856, when he removed to Fairview—now Story City, it taking four days to make the journey. After his arrival in Story county he installed a steam plant in a sawmill owned by Mr. House. This was the first steam plant operated in this county, and after completing the work he returned to Marshall county but shortly afterward was employed by Nelson House to remove the sawmill to what was at that time called New Philadelphia but is now Ontario. He continued in the service of Mr. House in the sawmill for a time and then bought the mill, which he operated for about two years and then sold it. He again engaged in carpenter work for seven years, being dependent upon it for his livelihood, while spending all of his leisure time in the study of law. He made what progress he could, being entirely without assistance during the whole period of his study. However, he was ambitious and determined to win and although it took twelve years to master the principles of jurisprudence his perseverance won and he was admitted to the bar in 1870, remaining in active practice for nearly forty years, only recently retiring. He first engaged in practice with John L. Stevens, under the firm name of McCarthy & Stevens, later G. A. Underwood was admitted as junior partner. After the dissolution of that partnership he became a member of the firm of McCarthy & Conley and later practiced with Mr. Lee, now Judge Lee. More recently he has been identified with Mr. Luke, under the name of McCarthy & Luke, and while this last relationship still continues Mr. McCarthy is only a consulting partner, taking no active part in the business of the firm.

When he first located in Story county Mr. McCarthy bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington township, upon which he erected the first frame house built in the township, and since that he has at divers times added to his holdings until he now owns four hundred

acres of valuable farm land. In 1875 he began importing horses and crossed the ocean eighteen times for this purpose. He was at one time manager and director of the Central Iowa Importing Company but they discontinued the business in 1893. He also served as a director of the Union National Bank for thirty years but recently resigned from this.

Mr. McCarthy has always been an ardent supporter of the cause of education and it is largely due to his personal efforts that the Iowa State College, then known as the State Agricultural College, was located at Ames, as with other public-spirited citizens he donated money for that purpose. He drove the first stake, and leveled and staked off the ground for the first two buildings of this college, which is now recognized as one of the foremost institutions of learning of its kind in the United States. His championship of the college was recognized and honored by his being appointed to have entire supervision of the arrangements for the semi-centennial anniversary, which was held on the 4th of July, 1909. It is also very largely due to his efforts that the Northwestern Railroad passed through Ames, as he contributed money toward defraying the expenses of the preliminary survey and did his utmost to convince the more conservative citizens of the advantages which it would be to the community.

On the 25th of April, 1858, Mr. McCarthy was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Ross, a daughter of James and Mary Ross, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. Her father was a salt manufacturer in his early days but gave this up later in life and became a farmer. In the family were eight children, Mrs. McCarthy being the seventh in order of birth, three of whom are still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy have been born nine children, eight of whom are living, as follows: William F., a machinist, residing in Ames; Andrew, who died at the age of two and one-half years; Marie, the wife of H. L. Carrol, a member of the Polk county bar, living in Des Moines; Emma, who married C. G. Lee, of Ames; Robert H., engaged in the real-estate business in Ames; Elizabeth, the wife of George S. Foster, a civil engineer of Madison, Wisconsin; Harriet, who married Dr. Thomas L. Rice, of Ames; Mary R., who is the wife of Frank W. Linebaugh, superintendent of the electric light and water plant of Ames; and Justin D., who is engaged in farming.

Mr. McCarthy has always been a staunch adherent of the republican party, is a very public-spirited man and has at all times taken an active interest in municipal politics and has served in various local offices. He was a member of the board of supervisors for many years and recently resigned because of the arduous duties it involved and has held no public office since that time. He was also a member of the first city council in Ames.

Mr. McCarthy can most truly be termed a self-made man. The son of a poor man, he started out in life determined to make a place for himself and to this end he saw that every step was an advance. When a less de-

terminated man would have become discouraged and have given up, he stuck to his Blackstone and in time was the victor. He is one of the substantial citizens of Ames and is well worthy of the regard and esteem which his fellow townsmen accord him.

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### ADELBERT J. BROWN.

Adelbert J. Brown, one of the most prominent representatives of mercantile interests in Story county, acts as business manager of the department store of the Lingenfelter Brothers at Maxwell. His birth occurred in Iowa Center, this county, on the 13th of September, 1869, his parents being Peter and Catherine (Shoop) Brown, who are natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. They came to Iowa as children with their respective parents, both the Brown and Shoop families settling in Story county some time in the '40s and forming the vanguard of emigration westward. Both families entered land from the government and built homes. The parents of our subject were married in Story county and have resided within its borders continuously since. Peter Brown was successfully engaged in farming in Union township until 1892, when he put aside the active work of the fields, having since lived retired in Maxwell. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Herald Lodge, No. 455. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth.

Adelbert J. Brown spent his youthful days under the parental roof amid the environment of the average farm boy and was educated in the district schools. When about nineteen years of age he left the home farm to embark upon his business career, first going to Cambridge with the intention of learning the drug business. At the end of a year, however, because of the fact that his father had met with an accident, he returned home and for twelve months operated the farm. Coming to Maxwell on the expiration of that period, he was engaged in draying for a short time and then entered a general store. With the exception of one year devoted to the restaurant business at Collins he has since been continuously identified with mercantile interests. In 1905 the Lingenfelter Brothers purchased the general stock of Miller & Miller in Maxwell, and Mr. Brown was placed in charge of the store. At that time the business was conducted in a small corner room and there was about nine thousand dollars' worth of stock. Two years later the trade had grown to such an extent that the need arose for more commodious quarters and the stock was removed to the present place of business, where there are two large storerooms and also basement rooms of the same size, affording altogether ten thousand square feet of floor space. In the short period of five years, under the able management of Mr. Brown, the trade has grown to an extent almost unequalled in a town

the size of Maxwell. From a humble and obscure position he has worked his way steadily upward to one of large responsibility and prominence, being now widely recognized as a leading business man and influential resident of his native county.

In 1892 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia John, of Maxwell, her father being Daniel W. John, a retired agriculturist of Maxwell. Unto our subject and his wife has been born one child, Ava Gladys.

Mr. Brown is a republican in politics, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M.; Social Lodge, No. 463, I. O. O. F.; the Knights of Pythias; and Sylvan Camp, No. 2417, M. W. A., acting as clerk of the last named. He has always resided in Story county and his life has been such that the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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### JOHN W. LUTZ.

John W. Lutz, who was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, passed away on his farm in Sherman township on the 31st of October, 1906. His birth occurred in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 31st of October, 1862, his parents being V. G. and Elizabeth (Renz) Lutz, both of whom were natives of Germany. Emigrating to the United States, they were married in the state of Michigan more than fifty years ago. V. G. Lutz, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Illinois in December, 1896. His widow still survives, however, and now makes her home with a daughter in Nebraska.

John W. Lutz attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his text-books worked on a farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He lived on a farm near Omaha, Nebraska, before coming to this county in the spring of 1899, at which time he took up his abode in Sherman township. In addition to the cultivation of cereals he devoted considerable attention to the breeding of Hereford or white-faced cattle, which branch of his business added materially to his income. He also acted as vice president of the creamery at Zearing and was widely recognized as a substantial and esteemed citizen of the community. His farm of two hundred and sixty-two acres on section 5, Sherman township, is now in possession of his widow and is known as the Fairview Stock Farm.

On the 23d of January, 1889, in La Salle county, Illinois, Mr. Lutz was united in marriage to Miss Emma Gehm, who was born in that county on the 15th of May, 1863, her parents being Nicholas and Margaret (Young) Gehm, who were married in Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the



United States in the early '50s, locating on a farm in La Salle county, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Gehm passed away in March, 1901, while Mrs. Gehm was called to her final rest in February, 1902. Mrs. Lutz, who attended the grammar and high schools as a girl, is now the mother of five children, the record of whom is as follows. Caroline A., whose birth occurred in Nebraska on the 18th of December, 1889, and who is still at home with her mother, is a graduate of the Central Business College at Marshalltown. George J., who was born in Nebraska on the 4th of March, 1891, lives with his mother in Sherman township and attends the Zearing high school. Nettie E., whose birth occurred in Nebraska on the 13th of December, 1892, is pursuing her studies in the common schools. Louis E., who was born in Nebraska on the 10th of May, 1897, likewise attends the common schools. Lydia M., whose birth occurred in Sherman township, Story county, on the 9th of March, 1904, is also pursuing her education in the common schools.

Mr. Lutz gave his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. His life, in all of its various relations, was of such character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he was associated. Mrs. Lutz, who still resides on the farm in Sherman township, is a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind and has won a host of warm friends here.

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### JACOB R. FETTERHOFF.

When death came to Jacob R. Fetterhoff there was closed a record of a life of great usefulness, fraught with good deeds and of marked influence as an element for good in the lives of those with whom he came in contact. While the greater part of his attention was given to agricultural pursuits he was always actuated by a spirit of Christian faith and belief and for about four years prior to his death engaged in evangelistic work. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1840, his parents being Jacob and Catherine (Forney) Fetterhoff, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father died when his son Jacob was but eight years of age. The mother afterward married again and spent her last days in Maryland.

Jacob R. Fetterhoff was the second in a family of three sons but his brothers, Hiram and Albert H., are both deceased. He resided at the place of his nativity with his widowed mother until after the outbreak of the Civil war when, in September, 1862, he offered his services to the government, becoming a private of Company H, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and served for thirty-two months, being honorably discharged at the close of the war. He was wounded and while at the front suffered from typhoid malaria. Twice he was obliged to go to the hospital but as soon as possible rejoined his regi-





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ment. In February, 1863, he was granted a furlough and for a short time was at home. He took part in over thirty engagements with the Army of the Potomac and made a most creditable military record by his fidelity to duty on all occasions. He did not hesitate to take his place on the lonely picket line nor stand upon the firing line where the battle raged the thickest.

Following the close of the war Mr. Fetterhoff was married at Franklin Grove, Illinois, in October, 1865, to Miss Melvina Catherine Cook, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1843. In the spring of 1865 she went to Illinois with a sister and was married there. Her parents were Samuel and Mary Ann (Beaver) Cook, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where their entire lives were passed. They had a family of five children: Mrs. Isabelle Monn, of Pennsylvania. Henry A., who served in the Civil war; Mrs. Anna R. Southerland, who resides three miles south of Nevada; Mrs. Fetterhoff; and Mrs. Jennie Eiker, of Pennsylvania.

In 1866, the year following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fetterhoff came to Nevada and he remained a resident of Story county until his death, which occurred February 26, 1885. Soon after his arrival here he purchased a farm four miles south of the town and his remaining days were largely devoted to the work of the fields and the improvements of the place. He was the owner of one hundred and eighty-three acres and had become a well-to-do citizen at the time of his death. He placed many improvements upon his farm, added to it all modern accessories and equipments and as the years passed by made his place a productive and valuable property. Soon after coming to Story county he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church and his life from that time was guided by the teachings of the church and his efforts were an element in the moral progress of the community. He became an evangelist and engaged in preaching for about four years prior to his death, being in the midst of a meeting when called to his final home.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fetterhoff was blessed with five children: Anna May, at home; Harvey Grant, who removed to Spokane, Washington, where he died at the age of thirty-four years; Cleo Pearl, at home; Benola Alvin, of Salem, South Dakota, who is married and has three children, Sylva Pearl, Alvin and Ira; and Etta, the wife of Peter Mattison, who resides on the Fetterhoff farm. Mr. and Mrs. Mattison have seven children living: Lola, Ona, Harry, Merle, Clyde, Ivan and Glen. Their eldest son, Orval Guy Mattison, was born January 25, 1894, and died August 7, 1907. All of the children of the Fetterhoff family were born upon the farm in Story county. Eighteen years after the death of her husband Mrs. Fetterhoff removed to Nevada, where she now makes her home but still retains the ownership of the farm.

In his political views Mr. Fetterhoff was a republican and never lightly regarded the duties of citizenship yet did not seek nor desire any public office. He preferred to labor for the upbuilding and welfare of the com-

munity in other ways and his life became a potent force in the moral progress of the community. He left to his family not only a comfortable competence, but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and a memory that remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

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### JAMES H. CLEVERLEY.

That the life history of James H. Cleverley is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the years of his connection with agricultural interests of Story county. Born in Allamakee county, Iowa, on the 13th of July, 1871, he is a representative of one of the well known and highly honored families of central Iowa, his parents being Jonathan and Elizabeth J. (Owen) Cleverley, the former a native of London and the latter of Coventry, England. Jonathan Cleverley, whose birth occurred in the world's metropolis on the 12th of April, 1836, is a son of William and Ann (Lovett) Cleverley. The mother passed away in England and later the father brought his family of four children, a son and three daughters, to the United States. He arrived here in 1847 and took up his abode in Herkimer county, New York, where he made his home until 1860, in which year he came to Iowa and remained with his son until his death in 1878 at the age of seventy-five years.

Jonathan Cleverley, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cleverley, was eleven years of age when brought to the United States and the year following his arrival he began working in a lumberyard. Later he was engaged in a mill for a while and then began lumbering in the woods, altogether being connected with the lumber business for seven years. In 1854 he came west to Iowa, locating in Allamakee county, and was there variously occupied for some time, giving his attention principally, however, to farming. In 1859 he purchased a farm of eighty acres, upon which he made his home until 1870, in which year he removed to Jasper county, there investing in one hundred and sixty acres, which tract is still in his possession. This remained his home until 1906, when he withdrew from active work and became a resident of Collins, where he is now living in well earned retirement. That he was ambitious, industrious and persevering and possessed good business ability is indicated by the fact that when he first came to this country he began working for one dollar per week, while his father received seventy five cents per day, the combined sum going for the support of the family. Today he is numbered among the most substantial and well-to-do men of Collins, having acquired a competency which makes it possible for him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He is one of the prominent and influential men of the community in which he lives and gives stalwart support to

the republican party although he has never sought nor desired public office. He has, however, been a leader in Masonic circles in Maxwell, being considered the best posted Mason in this section of the state. He is also one of the oldest, having joined the order in Winneshiek county forty-three years ago. He assisted in organizing and was a member of Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M., at Maxwell. He is likewise a charter member of Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., at Collins, and was its first master, serving in that office for five years. He and his wife both hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Jonathan Cleverley was married on the 27th of July, 1862, to Miss Jane Elizabeth Owen, who was born in Coventry, England, and came with an uncle to the United States when nineteen years of age, settlement being made in Allamakee county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cleverley were born eight children but only four now survive, namely: Mary, the wife of William Kimberly, a farmer of Jasper county, Iowa; Maria, who wedded William Clapper, of Oklahoma; James H.; and Frank E., operating the old home farm.

James H. Cleverley whose name introduces this review, was reared in his parents' home, no event of special importance coming to vary the routine of life for him during the period of his boyhood and youth. In the public schools he acquired a good education, passing throughout consecutive grades to his graduation from the Collins high school in due course of time. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his majority, when he laid the foundation for a happy home of his own by his marriage, on the 4th of November, 1894, to Miss Orlena A. Crabb, of Collins. She is a daughter of Vincent and Hester (Wells) Crabb, who came to Story county from Indiana in 1877. The father was a veteran of the Civil war and passed away in 1879 as a result of disease contracted during his term of service. The mother still survives and makes her home in Collins.

After his marriage James H. Cleverley started out independently in the business world, engaging in farming in Jasper county as a renter for three years. At the end of that period he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 24, Indian Creek township, known as the old Strickler farm. That remained the scene of his business activity for four years, when he purchased the Andrew J. Marshall place, upon which he now makes his home. When it came into his possession it consisted of one hundred and sixty acres constituting the northwest quarter of section 23, Indian Creek township. He did not dispose of his property on section 24, however, until three years later. In 1906 he became the owner of eighty acres adjoining his place, so that his farm now consists of two hundred and forty acres. Under his direction it has been greatly developed and improved, for he has made a careful study of agriculture, employs the most modern and progressive methods and, moreover, has a capacity for wise management and sound business ability. He receives a good annual



revenue from his farm and is recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists of Indian Creek township.

With the passing of the years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleverley has been blessed with seven children: Ruth L., Flossie M., Willard J., Opal B., Wayne H., Alice and Mildred, the family circle remaining untouched by the hand of death.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cleverley has been a loyal supporter of republican principles and has been an influential and effective worker in the ranks of that party. He served for four years as assessor of Indian Creek township and is now serving as a member of the township board of trustees. Progressive and public-spirited in his citizenship, he strongly advocates those measures and matters which have for their object the improvement and upbuilding of the community, and his devotion to the general good has ever remained an unquestioned fact. Whether in the discharge of public duties or in the management of private business affairs he has ever been actuated by those qualities which speak for good citizenship and he is held in high regard and esteem by all who have come in contact with him.

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#### WILLIAM J. VENEMAN.

William J. Veneman, who is now living retired on a small tract of land of twenty three acres adjoining the town of Maxwell, was long and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Story county and for more than thirty years has been a prominent factor in local politics. His birth occurred in Kosciusko county, Indiana, on the 5th of June, 1844, his parents being Lemuel and Matilda (Cory) Veneman, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father went to Kosciusko county, Indiana, in early manhood, while the mother was taken there by her parents. They were married in that county and six years later, in 1849, journeyed westward to Polk county, Iowa, Lemuel Veneman entering three hundred acres of government land in Elkhart township. He erected a log house on his farm and made his home thereon until he passed away in 1868. His wife was called to her final rest in 1897. Mr. Veneman gave his political allegiance to the republican party and served in various township offices, including those of township trustee, assessor and school director. Both he and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William J. Veneman was reared under the parental roof, receiving such educational advantages as the log schoolhouses of those early days afforded. On the 11th of August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company B, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command until the cessation of hostilities. He was honorably discharged on the 5th of June, 1865, his twenty first birthday—and mustered

out at Clinton, Iowa, about the 1st of July. He had been captured at Altoona Pass on the 5th of October, 1864, and was first incarcerated in the Macon (Ga.) prison, while later he was transferred to Milan prison, being confined for fifty-two days. At the end of that time he was paroled and four months later was exchanged. After returning home he attended school for a year and a half longer, recognizing the value of a good education in the battle of life.

On the 30th of August, 1867, he wedded Miss Margaret Kirby, of Des Moines, a daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Ferguson) Kirby. The following winter he became identified with educational interests as teacher of the Hall school, a log schoolhouse in Indian Creek township, Story county. During that season his wife taught the Donohue school in the same township. In the spring Mr. Veneman took up general agricultural pursuits, renting his father's farm in Polk county and operating it for four or five years. During that time he had come into possession of a little more than one hundred acres thereof and continued to reside on that tract until 1873, when he disposed of the property and purchased one hundred acres on section 14, Indian Creek township. There he successfully carried on his farming interests until 1902, when he put aside the active work of the fields, having lived in honorable retirement for the past nine years. He owns a tract of twenty-three acres adjoining the town of Maxwell and makes his home in a pleasant and commodious residence which he built thereon. His property holdings include one hundred and sixty acres on section 24 and twenty acres on section 14, Indian Creek township, all of which is cultivated by his son Lemuel. Early realizing that earnest, unremitting labor is the basis of all success, he worked on diligently year by year to provide for his family and to obtain a comfortable competence for old age.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Veneman have been born six children. Roy, the eldest, passed away in 1906 in the thirty-ninth year of his age. He was educated at Ames and followed the profession of teaching at Colo, Story City and Madrid, Iowa. Becoming noted as an educator, he was elected superintendent of schools of Boone county and served in that position for four years. Lemuel J., the second son, is an agriculturist by occupation and operates the home farm in Indian Creek township. Nelson J., is engaged in the produce business at Scranton, Iowa. Harriet, who gave her hand in marriage to John Black, makes her home in Scranton, Iowa. Alberta, the wife of Elmer Cole, lives in Winterset, Iowa. Ward W., a stationary engineer, makes his home in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Veneman is a republican in politics and has long been an influential worker in the local ranks of his party. For more than thirty years he has remained continuously in public office, serving as township trustee or in one of the other township positions. He represented his district in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth general assemblies of the state legislature and has repeatedly served as delegate to the state conventions, being one of Story county's most widely known and highly esteemed citizens. Frater-

nally he is identified with Herald Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Social Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and James H. Ewing Post, No. 305, G. A. R. For four or more years he served as commander of the post. He acts as steward and Sunday school superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, which numbers himself and his wife among its valued members. Mr. Veneman has resided in this part of the state for more than six decades and stands foremost in his community as one of its leading and influential citizens.

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### S. B. STEVENS.

The owner of a productive farm of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 33 and 34, New Albany township, S. B. Stevens may justly be regarded as one of the prosperous citizens of Story county. He was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, December 7, 1847, a son of Henry Adam and Matilda Janes (Smith) Stevens, the latter of whom was born July 3, 1817. The father was a native of Perth, Canada, and was born July 31, 1813. He was of American parentage, the family living temporarily in Canada at the time of his birth. The ancestry on the paternal side has been traced to John Adams, second president of the United States, the father being a nephew of Mr. Adams. On the maternal side the genealogical line has been traced to the Bradfords of Puritan times. Henry Smith, one of the ancestors, was a prominent man in Canada and served as governor of the province of Ontario. Our subject's Grandfather Stevens was appointed to a government position by President Adams, with whom he stood in high favor, having served as one of the original Green Mountain Boys under Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga. He spent several years in Canada while in the employ of the government. An uncle of our subject was a classmate of U. S. Grant at West Point and lost his life while crossing the Rio Grande river on his way to Mexico with the invading army in 1847.

Henry Adams Stevens, the father, received unusual advantages of education in his times and was a graduate of Harvard University, entering the ministry from that celebrated institution. He officiated at Springfield, Illinois, and at Montrose, Iowa, then locating in Van Buren county, where he spent many years. He attained a wide reputation as a speaker and eloquent advocate of the Christian life, and in 1893, at the World's Fair in Chicago, delivered an address upon "When Timothy was made an Apostle." He was married to Matilda Janes Smith in 1830 and encountered considerable difficulty in conducting his bride from Canada to the United States on account of trouble over the Oregon boundary line, which at that time created ill feeling between the two countries. He passed away near Cameron, Missouri, in 1898, his beloved companion having been called from earthly scenes in 1882.

S. B. Stevens was one of a family of three children. He received a common-school education and although only fifteen years of age at the time of the breaking out of the great rebellion, his services were accepted and for four years and two months he valiantly defended the cause of the Union, participating in many of the most important engagements and movements of the war. He marched under General Sherman to the sea and was present at the surrender of Fort McAllister. After being mustered out when then only nineteen years of age, he worked during the winter months in a packing house at Farmington, Iowa, and in summer was foreman of a bridge gang on the Des Moines Valley Railroad. Subsequently he entered the employ of James Tuttle as foreman of his farm in Polk county, seven miles from Des Moines. In 1870 he began farming on his own account in Valley township, Polk county, but two years later sold out and moved to Elkhart township, taking up his residence four years later in Union township, Story county. In 1891 he removed to Sherman township and ten years later, having acquired a competence, took up his residence at New Albany. He has been very active and energetic as a farmer and business man and has gained an enviable reputation as a breeder of fine cattle and Chester White hogs. He is now serving as president of the Johnson Grove, Colo & New Albany Telephone Company.

On the 26th of March, 1869, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Dorcas Bullington, of Polk county, who was born at Blakesburg, Wapello county, January 29, 1850. They became the parents of six children, namely: Arthur, who was born December 20, 1870, and is now engaged in the general merchandise business at McCallsburg; A. J. and Alice May, twins, born January 13, 1872, the former of whom is farming in Richland township and the latter the wife of Phil Buffington; C. W., now a prosperous farmer of Warren township, who was born March 28, 1875, and married Miss Minnie Webb; Hattie, born March 20, 1877, who married W. W. Carver and is now living in Lincoln township; and Dorcas, born August 20, 1879, who married Charles Webb and is living in Sherman township. The mother of these children departed this life September 18, 1879, and Mr. Stevens was married, April 24, 1882, to Miss Emily A. Hanks, a daughter of Jay and Jane Songers Hanks. Eleven children blessed this union, namely: Bradford, born September 11, 1883, who was graduated from the Cedar Falls Normal School and married Edith Sherer; S. W., born July 3, 1884, who married Adelia Klein; John Quincy, born July 15, 1885, who is a professional auctioneer; Edith Belle who was born July 17, 1889, and is one of the popular school teachers of the county; Janet Blanche, born February 14, 1891; William J., born December 17, 1895; Ethel born August 7 1898; Iver born April 26, 1900; Winifred, born May 7, 1903; Velma, born July 23, 1907; and Thelma, born September 6, 1909. Of these children the nine last named are at home.

Mr. Stevens has ever since reaching manhood given his earnest support to the democratic party. He has been active in its local councils and served



as justice of the peace for a number of years in Polk county, also filling the office of township assessor and for twenty-seven years performed his duty to the cause of education as a member of the school board. He is a staunch believer in the Bible, and he and his wife are valued members of the United Brethren church. He has raised a remarkable family, all of whom are performing their share in the duties of life. He has been industrious, economical and persevering and, therefore, successful in his work, at the same time gaining the respect of his neighbors and of the entire community. By honorable methods in business and by an upright character he has maintained an untarnished name, which to his children is a legacy much more precious than gold or silver.

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### OLE NIEHLSSEN.

Ole Nielsen, one of the esteemed and successful farmers of Story county, was born in Denmark on the 17th of May, 1841, a son of John and Marie Nielsen. The parents were both natives of Denmark in which country they spent their entire lives. The mother passed away in 1860 and the father eight years later.

The early years of Mr. Nielsen's life were spent in his native land, but the many stories he heard of the advantages offered men of limited means in America at last proved irresistible and in 1870 he crossed the Atlantic, landing at Boston. He straightway made his way across the country to Marshall county, Iowa, where his brother had located three years previously. For six years he worked on the railroad at Marshalltown, carefully laying aside a portion of his wages each month, until in 1882 he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to buy eighty acres of land in Warren township, Story county. For twenty-five years he made this his home and then in 1907 he bought another eighty acres in Richland township, where he continues to reside. Everything about his farm has an air of prosperity; the stock is well housed, the fences kept in repair and the residence has an air of comfort, while the carefully cultivated fields yield profitable returns.

Mr. Nielsen married Pauline, the daughter of Nelson and Christine Nelson. She is also a Dane and has become the mother of seven children: Christine; Inga Marie; Anna Dorothy, who became the wife of Luke O'Donnel, of Sherman township; Carrie; Annie Christina; Jens; and Peter Nelson.

The family attend the Lutheran church in which the parents hold membership. Before coming to the United States Mr. Nielsen had served seventeen months in the Danish army and had seen some active service, going to the front with his regiment in the war with Germany in 1864. He is a loyal subject of the United States and has never regretted his deci-





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sion to become a citizen, feeling that the success he has met with here would have been practically impossible in the more thickly settled and conservative country in which he spent the first thirty-five years of his life. His present position can be entirely attributed to his own efforts and the capable assistance at all times rendered him by Mrs. Nielsen. He is highly regarded in the community where he resides, his integrity and industry—which are the fundamental principles of good citizenship, winning him the respect of all who have known him in either a business or social way.

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### ARCHIBALD RAY.

Archibald Ray, whose efforts during an active and useful life were devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he won substantial prosperity and a place among the most successful and well known farmers of his locality, was one of Indiana's native sons, his birth occurring in Marion county on the 25th of November, 1844. His father, Judiah Ray, one of the early and prominent settlers of Story county, was born in Ohio on the 1st of October, 1823, and was a son of Samuel and Maria Ray. During the period of his early boyhood he was accorded such advantages as could be obtained in pioneer days but at the age of twelve years was compelled to take upon himself the duties of manhood, the death of his father at that time placing him practically in charge of the family, and during her remaining days he continued the main support of his widowed mother. He entered the business world in the employ of an uncle, driving an ox team in the construction of the Ohio canal. Although during that time he worked earnestly and diligently, he was, however, unable to save any money, his earnings going to the support of the family. Thus it was that upon attaining his majority he found himself without capital and when he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Belcher, his financial possessions amounted to one dollar. This was paid to the justice who performed the marriage ceremony and by him was given to the bride as a token of good luck, and with a capital of one dollar they began their domestic life. Good luck, however, did follow and when, in 1851, they brought their family to Iowa they had been able to save seven hundred dollars. The winter of that year was spent at Pella and in the spring of 1852 they arrived in Story county, Mr. Ray entering land at Iowa Center. Success continued to attend his efforts and as he prospered from time to time he was able to purchase more land until, in the spring of 1884, he retired from active life, his holdings making him one of the extensive landowners of his section of the county. Upon leaving the farm he removed to Nevada and there his remaining years were spent. He became a director of the First National Bank of Nevada and was thus connected with financial interests as long as his health permitted. He was identified with various other enterprises and his many interests eventually made

him one of the well-to-do and influential men of Story county. Soon after his arrival in Iowa he was followed by his mother and sister, who assisted him when opportunity permitted. A man of great industry and perseverance, he also possessed those characteristics which make it possible for a man, taking up his abode in a new and undeveloped country, to bravely meet the conditions and successfully overcome the hardships and privations which he is forced to endure on the frontier. He did his full share in the work of development and improvement and is numbered among the builders of Story county. He possessed sound business judgment and, moreover, was a man of well known probity, his honorable, upright life commanding the esteem and respect of all who knew him. He was reared in the Evangelical faith but after taking up his residence in Nevada united with the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which he passed away on the 2d of July, 1907, having for several years survived his wife, her death occurring on the 31st of March, 1895.

Archibald Ray was about eight years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa and thus practically his entire life was spent within the boundaries of Story county. As a lad he acquired his education in the primitive log schoolhouse of pioneer days and with the other members of the family suffered much of the discomforts of pioneer life. He remained at home, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm, until he attained man's estate, when he entered the business world on his own account. Wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, he rented land from his father and was thus engaged at the time of his marriage in 1869. He continued as a renter for about four or five years thereafter and then purchased a tract of forty acres from John Funk, which became the nucleus of his later extensive possessions. To this he added from time to time as he prospered in his undertakings, and something of the success which attended his efforts is seen in the fact that at the time of his death he was the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of highly cultivated land. He possessed much of the spirit of industry and energy which characterized his father, his ambition prompting him to make a thorough study of agriculture. He cultivated the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, practiced rotation of crops and in addition to tilling the soil raised good stock. Keen business discernment and a capacity for wise management were also his, and as the years passed the results of his labors were seen in the acquirement of a competence which ranked him among the wealthiest and most substantial agriculturists of Indian Creek township. In the spring of 1901 he withdrew from active pursuits and removed to Maxwell, where he lived in quiet retirement until his demise.

It was on the 3d of February, 1869, that Mr. Ray was united in marriage to Miss Hilda Johnson, a daughter of Henry and Helen (House) Johnson, natives of England and New York respectively. Her father came to the United States in infancy, his parents settling near Ogdensburg in St. Lawrence county, New York. There Henry Johnson was reared and

married, and in 1867 he sought a home in the middle west, residing in Cook county, Illinois, for one year, after which he took up his permanent abode in Polk county, Iowa, where his wife died soon after their arrival. Later Mr. Johnson married Mrs. Catherine Strong and was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, making his home on a farm south of Collins. Upon his retirement late in life he removed to Collins and there his death occurred on the 10th of July, 1905. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ray were born five children, of whom four survive: Andrew, at home; Ida, the wife of Samuel Coughenour, of Indiana Creek township; Charles, operating the old homestead farm; and Artie, also at home.

In early life Archibald Ray became identified with the Evangelical church, of which he remained a member until the organization of the Christian church in Maxwell in 1890, when he associated himself with that congregation and remained a devoted and conscientious member thereof until his demise. In politics he was a staunch democrat but the honors and emoluments of office held no attraction for him, preferring to concentrate his time and attention on his personal interests. Preeminently a home man, he never affiliated with any fraternal orders, finding congenial companionship in his own home circle, where he was loved and revered as a devoted husband and father. Inheriting the elements of sterling integrity and moral soundness, like his father he commanded the highest regard and respect of his fellowmen, his life record ever remaining in harmony with an untarnished and honored name. His wife, who still makes her home in Maxwell, is also a member of the Christian church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful part. She is a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind and is the center of a large circle of warm friends.

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#### FRANK SUTTER.

Frank Sutter is now interested in the hardware and implement business in Kelley, where he is conducting an enterprise of substantial proportions that indicates his careful management, sound judgment and enterprising spirit. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, November 1, 1867, and is a son of John and Margaret (Thomas) Sutter, both of whom were natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. The mother came with her parents to the middle west in 1850, driving across the country to Lee county, Illinois. She was a daughter of James and Mary Thomas, who in the year 1875 continued their westward journey to Iowa, settling in Story county. In the year 1896 James Thomas went to California, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-five years. He had for about fourteen years survived his wife, who passed away in Story county in 1882. They were well known residents here during the last quarter of the nineteenth century.



John Sutter went as a young man to Franklin, Illinois, about 1855. He lost his mother early in life and had no home until he made one for himself. His father, however, reached the venerable age of ninety-three years, passing away in Lee county, Illinois. In that county John Sutter married Margaret Thomas. In the year 1875 they became residents of Story county, Iowa, settling in Washington township, two and a half miles south of the Iowa State College, where they resided until 1895, when they sold that farm and removed to Maxwell. Both died, however, in Lincoln Nebraska, the mother on the 6th of December, 1908, when seventy-two years of age, and the father on the 4th of April, 1909, at the age of eighty years. He had followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life and thus provided for the support of his fifteen children, ten of whom reached mature years, while nine are now living.

Frank Sutter was only eight years of age when the family left Illinois and came to Story county. He remained upon the home farm with his parents until 1889 and then went to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he remained for two years. He devoted two years to general farming and afterward worked in railroad shops for a year. He then returned to Iowa, settling in Kelley in 1892. He was employed in the tile factory for about a year and in 1893 took charge of the home farm, which he cultivated and improved then again took up his abode in Kelley and for five years worked at the carpenter's trade during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he aided his father-in-law, H. A. Cook, in the management of the elevator and grain trade. In the spring of 1901, he went to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where he remained from the 10th of April until the 24th of December engaged in carpentering, threshing and elevator work. In the spring of 1902, however, he returned to Iowa, settling in Pocahontas county, where he followed carpentering until August, after which he engaged in buying grain for two years. On the 1st of April, 1904, he went to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he followed farming and carpentering during the summer and in August of that year returned to Kelley taking charge of the elevator for the B. A. Lockwood Grain Company. He remained in that connection for six years and eight months but on the 16th of March, 1911, he became interested in the hardware and implement business. He is also interested to some extent in real estate, owning dwellings, business property and vacant lots in the town.

On the 21st of February, 1889, Mr. Sutter was united in marriage to Miss Belle Cook, who was born in Story county, August 20, 1870, and is a daughter of H. A. and Jennie Cook, natives of Quincey, Pennsylvania, where they were married. In 1864 the father enlisted for service in the Civil war and after the close of hostilities came to Iowa in 1866 taking up his abode in Story county. The last two years of his life, however, were spent in Polo, Illinois, where he died January 23, 1909, in his seventieth year. He devoted many years to farming, following that pursuit until 1882, when he

removed to Kelley and for seventeen years worked for the Lockwood Grain Company in connection with the operation of the elevator at this point. His wife died in Kelley in 1898, at the age of fifty-six years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sutter have been born three children: Effie, now the wife of R. C. Lowman, of Kelley; Irene and Edith, at home.

While Mr. Sutter has at times been absent from the county, he has practically regarded Story county as his place of residence since 1875. Whatever success he has achieved is due entirely to his own efforts. He has worked his way steadily upward and his industry and energy have been the salient features in winning him a substantial place in business circles.

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### WILLIAM M. YOUNG.

The strength of the American nation lies in its self-made men—those who through unremitting toil, indomitable courage and temperate habits have attained the heights to which they aspired and in so doing have ever retained the respect and esteem of their fellowmen. Of such as these is William M. Young. He was born in Polk county, Iowa, on the 19th of January, 1862, being the son of Benjamin and Rachael (Woods) Young, both natives of Darke county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. Benjamin Young came to Iowa in 1858, buying one-half section of land in Polk county, near Ankeny, on which he lived until 1864 or 1865, when he returned to Ohio, spending two years in Darke county. At the end of that time he came to Iowa again, settling in Jasper county on Wolf creek, five miles south of Collins. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he lived for a number of years, and on selling this he purchased a small farm near Mingo, continuing to make his home there until the death of his wife, when he removed to Mitchellville to reside with his daughter, with whom he is still living at the venerable age of eighty-three years.

The early years of William Young's life were unusually void of those joys and pleasures we consider to be the rightful heritage of every child. He was reared to manhood on the Jasper county farm and upon him devolved much of the farm work, his schooling being confined to the brief sessions of the district school, which he attended at such times as his services were not required at home. At the age of fourteen years he laid aside his text-books and became self-supporting, hiring out as a farm hand, for which service he received ten dollars per month. His first work was the binding of grain behind an old Buckeye reaper on a farm where the town of Collins now stands. His earnings, up to the age of nineteen years, were given to his father, after that, however, he began working for himself, continuing as a farm hand for four more years and then renting the place where he had been employed. Always thrifty, by careful management and indefatigable energy he was able in 1881 to buy his first

piece of real estate, which consisted of forty acres of farm land, to which he added another forty acres in 1884 and acquiring a similar amount in 1886 brought the aggregate up to one hundred and twenty acres. During this time he continued to cultivate rented land but in 1888 he moved to his own farm, which was located two miles across the line in Polk county and upon which he had erected a new house and farm buildings. After living there one year he sold the place and bought the T. H. Strickler farm, containing one hundred and forty acres, which was located in Jasper county south of Collins. After he had built a new house and barns and added other modern improvements to the latter place he took up his residence there and continued to make it his home until 1896. On the 11th of November, 1895, Mr. Young bought two hundred and forty acres of land in Collins township, Story county, for which he paid thirty-five dollar per acre. This property was unimproved when he bought it but being a progressive man he never hesitates at any expense which will add to the value of his land. He has always been a strong advocate of tiling, in fact was one of the first men in this section to use tile on his farm, and after he had tiled and fenced his present place he built a fine modern residence—one of his first considerations always having been the comfort of his family. He also erected commodious barns and added other modern improvements, which have made his homestead one of the most valuable properties in Story county. In 1902 he bought the Pearson farm, comprising one hundred and twenty acres, which adjoined his on the west, and five years later he bought one hundred and twenty acres of the Parker farm, lying within the corporate limits of Collins, making his present realty holdings amount to four hundred and eighty acres.

Much of Mr. Young's success may be ascribed to his extensive and successful stock-dealing, which has at all times proven to be most remunerative. He has probably fed and shipped more carloads of stock in the past twenty-five years than any other man in Story county, and he now has on his farm three hundred and sixty hogs and one hundred and sixty-five head of cattle, all of which he is feeding for the market.

Mr. Young established a home of his own by his marriage in 1883, at the age of twenty-one years, to Miss Lauretha Gibson, the youngest daughter of David Gibson, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Jasper county, coming to Iowa from Indiana in the early days. Four children have been born of this union: Alta, a teacher in the district schools; Fred, Blanche and Joseph, all of whom are at home.

The family always worship with the Methodist Protestant denomination, in which church the parents hold membership and of which Mr. Young has been one of the trustees for several years. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity through membership in the Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M.

He is a zealous advocate of the principles of the republican party and, although he has always been too busily occupied with the direction of his

private affairs to either seek or accept the responsibility of public office, he is always to be found at the polls on election day, casting his ballot for the candidates of the party of his choice.

The study of Mr. Young's life but shows what it is possible to achieve by means of energy, application and perseverance. Thrown upon his own resources when only a boy, with the equipment of but the rudiments of an education, and not only maintaining himself but contributing toward the subsistence of the family, he nevertheless before reaching middle age had acquired what many never achieve. He is known as one of the most successful and substantial farmers and stockmen of this section of the state, all of which is due to his ability to handle capably and successfully anything which he elects to undertake on a very large scale. The farm which he bought fifteen years ago for thirty-five dollars per acre is now valued at one hundred and seventy-seven and one-half dollars per acre, in fact he has for years had a standing offer at that price. His success at the same time has not been achieved at the price of another's loss, his great asset in life ever being his incorruptible integrity, and he today is highly respected and esteemed by all who have ever had occasion to do business with him as well as by those who have known him socially.

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### JACOB A. GROSECLOSE.

After acquiring a comfortable competence in the line of agricultural pursuits Jacob A. Groseclose is now enjoying the fruits of his early endeavors and is one of the leading citizens of Union township. He is a son of Thomas Jefferson and Elizabeth (Wharton) Groseclose, and was born February 5, 1857. His parents were both natives of Johnson county, Indiana, where they were married in 1852. In the fall of 1854 they came to Story county, Iowa, locating on the present homestead. Mr. Groseclose purchased eighty acres of land entirely uncultivated, from Thomas Lawe, and there built a log cabin. He at once began to improve this land and later preempted more land adjoining until he had acquired three hundred and sixty acres. This he accomplished before he was thirty-one years old, at which time his death occurred. He was survived by his wife and three children: Jacob A., the subject of this sketch; Mary Elmira, the wife of John Griffith, residing in Indian Creek township; and Sarah E., who married A. J. Hainline and died in 1884, leaving a family of six children. Mrs. Groseclose is still living and resides with her son.

Jacob A. Groseclose spent his childhood on the home farm, acquiring his education in the district schools. He was but two years old when his father died. Apparently he inherited his father's energetic nature for at the early age of twelve years he was following the plow and studying the science of agriculture. At the age of sixteen years he took entire charge of



the farm and from that time devoted his attention to this industry until he had become the possessor of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Union township. For many years he turned his attention to cattle feeding but has done little recently along that line. For the past ten years Mr. Groseclose has not been actively engaged in farming, as he has rented most of his land. He is a director in the Citizen's State Bank of Cambridge, Iowa, and is regarded as one of the influential men of his community.

In his political views Mr. Groseclose is a republican but has never sought any public favors from his party, preferring to cast his lot with the rank and file.

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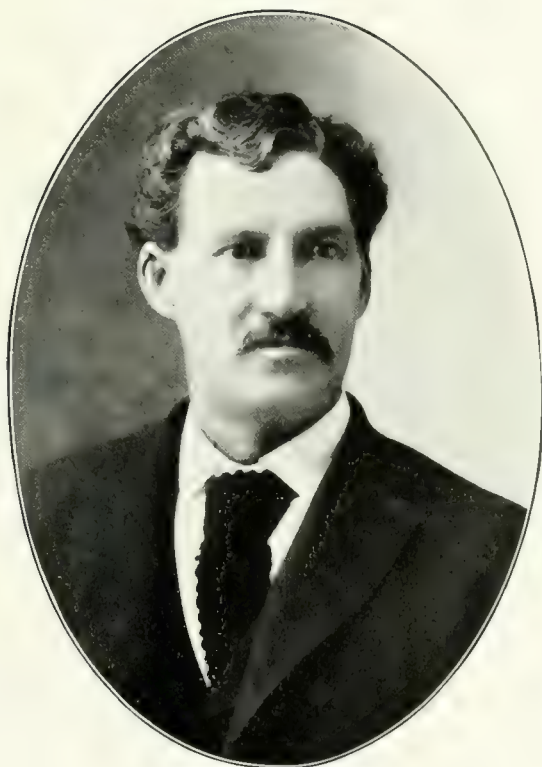
### NORMAN W. KNEPPER, M. D.

There is no doubt that the talents of the parents are often inherited by their children. This fact has been illustrated in numberless instances and the success of Dr. Norman W. Knepper, of Collins, is additional evidence in its favor. The father of Dr. Knepper was a highly successful physician and the son has demonstrated during an experience of more than twenty years at Collins that he possesses rare ability in the practice of the healing art. He is a native of Berlin, Pennsylvania, born July 17, 1853, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Lint) Knepper, both of whom were natives of Berlin. The father was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Philadelphia, and practiced at Berlin, gaining acknowledged prominence in his profession. He passed away in 1874 in the prime of his life, being only forty-four years of age. The mother is still living at Berlin and has now reached her seventy-ninth year.

Norman W. Knepper received his preliminary education in the public schools and at sixteen years of age took up the study of dentistry, attending the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery. He practiced at Berlin until 1877, when he came to Clyde, Iowa, and began reading medicine under Dr. Ritchey. In the fall of 1878 he entered the medical department of the Iowa State University and in 1880 became connected with the Long Island College Hospital at New York city, continuing in his studies there for two years, during the last eight months of which time he was on the staff of hospital surgeons. He was graduated with the title of M. D. in 1882, and immediately afterward came to Collins, although there was at that time only four or five houses in the town. The zeal he has devoted to his profession and the interest he has taken in his patients have led to a marked degree of success and he ranks today as one of the most prominent physicians in this part of the state.

On the 4th of July, 1879, Dr. Knepper was united in marriage to Miss Effie Hunt, of Nevada, a daughter of Moses and Catherine (McLain) Hunt.





DR. N. W. KNEPPER



The parents came from Rhode Island to Story county in 1874 and took up their residence at Nevada. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Knepper: Fred, deceased; and Sayre. The mother of these children departed this life in April, 1894, and the Doctor was married March 17, 1909, to Miss Maud Pence, a daughter of William J. Pence, a carpenter, now living at Cedar Rapids but formerly a resident of Collins township.

Professionally Dr. Knepper is a valued member of the Iowa State Medical Society and the Story County Medical Society and fraternally he is identified with Fervent Lodge No. 513, A. F. & A. M.; Amity Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F.; and Crescent Camp No. 2358, M. W. A. He gives his earnest support to the republican party but has never sought political honors, as his time and attention are almost wholly given to the duties of his profession. He was the pioneer physician of Collins and has witnessed the great transformation from a struggling hamlet to a beautiful modern town supplied with all the comforts and conveniences of an up-to-date city. During this time he has made a host of friends by his kindly ministrations and public spirit and he ranks today as one of the most honored citizens of a section noted for the intelligence and progressiveness of its people.

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### SEYMOUR W. HIX.

The life record of Seymour W. Hix spanned the years from the 20th of August, 1830, to the 7th of October, 1907. He was born at Medina, Orleans county, New York, his parents being Ephraim and Laura (Williams) Hix, natives of Michigan and Connecticut respectively. The father was a shoemaker by trade but after his removal to Illinois took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until his death. Both he and his wife died in Illinois.

Seymour W. Hix was the third in order of birth in a family of seven sons and three daughters and resided at the place of his nativity until nineteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Sycamore, De Kalb county, Illinois. In early life he had learned and followed the shoemaker's trade and after becoming a resident of Illinois he engaged in the produce business, shipping butter, eggs and poultry both during and after the war. He remained a resident of Sycamore until 1873, when he removed westward to Story county, Iowa, settling in Sherman township, where he purchased and improved a section of land. Later he bought six quarter sections. He had five hundred and twenty acres in his home place and resided thereon for sixteen years, during which period three children were added to the family, while six children had been born ere the removal to Iowa. Upon the home farm Mr. Hix built the largest farm house in the county. It was three stories with basement in height and there were nine rooms on the first floor. There were two rooms, twenty feet

square, and a hall the whole length of the house on the second floor. This was used as a ballroom and young people from all over the county were entertained there at many delightful social affairs. On one night there were a hundred couples attending a dance there and Mrs. Hix cooked supper for all. Mr. and Mrs. Hix followed a progressive and liberal policy with their children. They recognized the fact that young people demand and must have amusement and they did not place the ban upon many sources of entertainment which were largely condemned at an earlier day. They allowed their children to play cards and dance at home, knowing that such amusements in themselves are innocent and that it is only environment which can bring harm. That their policy was wise is indicated in the fact that their eight grown children are now good and substantial citizens—a credit to the communities in which they live.

Mr. Hix carried on farming on a very extensive scale for a number of years but at length sold out and erected the residence which his widow now occupies, making his home in Nevada from 1886 until the time of his death.

It was on the 24th of February, 1853, at Mayfield, Illinois, that Mr. Hix was married to Miss Laura Mumford, who was born in Nova Scotia, July 17, 1833, and when eight years of age went to Mayfield, Illinois, with her parents, Thomas and Sarah (Sillibeer) Mumford, who were natives of England and on crossing the Atlantic to America settled in Nova Scotia. Later they became residents of Illinois, where their last days were spent. They had a family of five daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Hix lived to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They had nine children: William, now living in Deadwood, South Dakota; Walter W., a resident of Rhodes, Iowa; Amy, who is the wife of Asa Mead and resides two miles south of Nevada; Albert D., living in Zearing, Story county; Charles E., a resident of Mitchell, South Dakota; Harry J., of Portland, Oregon; Susan, the wife of Frank Eddy, of Sherman township; Major E., who died at the age of six months; and Sarah, the wife of Arthur Saunders, of Montana.

In politics Mr. Hix was a staunch democrat and held a number of local offices, yet never sought nor desired political preferment. The Hix home was known far and wide for its generous and lavish hospitality. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hix ever refused any one a meal or a night's lodging. They, indeed, kept open house and always had extra plates on the table to be ready for any guests that might come in. In addition a large force of workmen were employed on the farm in the operation of the hay presses and at times they were kept busy all winter. The threshers, too, were employed for a long period, for Mr. Hix carried on farming extensively.

In religious faith Mr. Hix was a Universalist and his wife still belongs to the same church. He was a man of very generous and kindly spirit, who gave liberally to the poor and needy and was ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who needed assistance. His warm heart reached out in sympathy to all and was evidenced in tangible and ready aid. Some one

has said: "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judged in this way as well as in the more material things of the business life Mr. Hix was a most successful man.

Mrs. Hix still survives her husband and spends much of her time in visiting among her children. She is extremely active for one of her age and travels alone, three times having visited Portland, Oregon. She has twenty-three grandchildren living and five great-grandchildren. Her husband left her in very comfortable financial circumstances and she is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Sherman township. No history of Story county would be complete without mention of Mr. and Mrs. Hix, for no home has been more hospitable and none have been more free in according to friend and stranger a warm welcome than this worthy and honored couple.

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### RICHARD WILLIAMS.

The life of any man who has forged his way to a position of responsibility through his own exertions is worthy of record. It teaches the importance of industry and self-reliance, as without these characteristics very little can be accomplished in the modern world. Richard Williams has from his boyhood been industrious and self-reliant, hence he overcame many obstacles and is today well established as one of the successful farmers of Story county. Born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 23, 1849, he is the son of Robert K. and Martha (Brannum) Williams, the former a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Fairfield county, Ohio. The parents removed to Hancock county, Ohio, in 1851, when the subject of this review was two years old and there the father died in 1860. Subsequently the mother took up her residence with her children and passed away at Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 6, 1907.

Richard Williams was educated in the common schools of the Buckeye state and continued at home until he arrived at maturity. In 1872, after having married, he came west by wagon, bringing his household effects with him, and located in Collins township, Story county, Iowa. He began farming upon rented land and in 1874 had acquired sufficient capital to purchase forty acres, which is now a part of his present farm. He has since made several purchases of adjoining land and at the present time is the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty-three acres, which he has developed from its original state of virgin prairie until it is one of the most valuable farms in the township. He is equally successful both as an agriculturist and stock-raiser and as he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the most advanced methods and the best available markets, his opinion is much sought by those who desire to keep fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to agricultural interests.



On the 28th of September, 1871, Mr. Williams was united in marriage in Hancock county, Ohio, to Miss Mary Downing, a daughter of George Downing, a record of whom is presented in the sketch of Ellsworth Downing in this work. By this union six children have been born, three of whom are now living: Cora E., the wife of J. H. Lafferty, of New Albany township; Jesse M., at home; and Hattie, now the wife of J. C. McCord, also of New Albany township.

Mr. Williams has never devoted much time to politics, but he gives his adherence to the republican party as the one best qualified to advance the welfare of the nation. Alert and progressive, he is thoroughly alive as to the possibilities of the county and state of his adoption. A man of hopeful disposition, good judgment and well established character, he fully deserves the recognition he receives as a patriotic and energetic citizen who never seeks to advance his personal interest to the injury of another.

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### HENRY THOMPSON.

On the old Thompson homestead in Howard township stands the house which has the distinction of having been the home of four generations of that family and the birthplace of three. The present resident, Henry Thompson, was born there on the 9th of June, 1860, and is therefore not only a native son of Story county, but of Howard township, where he still continues to make his home. He is the son of Paul and Enger (Helgason) Thompson, both natives of Norway, the father having been born in 1829 and the mother in 1825. Paul Thompson came to the United States in 1847 and located in Kendall county, Illinois, where he remained for seven years, at the end of which period he came to Story county, Iowa, and worked as a farm hand until 1850, when he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. His entire quarter section was unbroken and unimproved prairie when he obtained it, but close application and hard work soon transformed it into well tilled fields, whose harvests yielded him the means to add to his acreage so that at the time of his retirement in 1902 he owned three hundred and sixty acres of thoroughly cultivated and well improved land. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married in 1851 and so have long since passed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Three children were born of their union: Thomas Henry, our subject; Edward, deceased; and one who died in infancy. The family always attend the services of the Lutheran church, of which the parents are communicants and Mr. Thompson one of the organizers. After acquiring the full rights of citizenship he affiliated with the republican party. He was always a public spirited man and took a warm interest in politics, serving many years as township trustee and also as one of the school directors in his district. In addition to his landed interests, he is a stock-

holder in the Roland Savings Bank and the Roland Creamery. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson now live in Roland, enjoying the comfort and leisure procured by the diligence and economy of their early years. They have many friends by whom they are highly regarded.

Henry Thompson spent his early years in the unvaried routine which characterizes country life. He obtained his education in the district schools of Howard township and remained a member of his father's household. At twenty-two years of age he undertook the supervision of the home farm, which he continues to operate. In addition to the three hundred and sixty acres belonging to his father he has bought one hundred and sixty of his own, so that he now cultivates five hundred and twenty acres. He devotes a great deal of attention to the breeding and raising of shorthorns as well as to the breeding and feeding of hogs.

Mr. Thompson has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Lizzie Erickson, by whom he had two children. Amanda is now the wife of A. J. Severson, Story City, and the mother of two children, Paul and Lillian Josephine. Emma married L. E. Quam and has four children: Lucille, Tessie, Hazel and Leverne. Mrs. Thompson passed away in 1885. For his second helpmate Mr. Thompson chose Sarah Ann Watney and they have become the parents of five children: Paul, a graduate of the Iowa State University; Elliot; Cyrus; Milton; and Ervin.

The family attend the Lutheran church. Ever since he attained his majority Mr. Thompson has cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party, and he has been honored by election to the office of township trustee. He has met with success in his agricultural pursuits and in addition to his real-estate holdings is a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank and the Roland Creamery.

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### COMMODORE PERRY McQUISTON.

It has been forty-five years since Commodore Perry McQuiston took up his residence on the farm in Collins township on which he now lives. Today he sees beautiful homes and fertile fields yielding abundant harvests where formerly roamed the wolf, the deer or other wild animals of the forest or prairie. Mr. McQuiston has been instrumental in bringing about this wonderful transformation. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 1, 1829, a son of John and Nancy (Bowers) McQuiston, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. About 1843 the father removed with his family to La Grange county, Indiana, where he died ten years later.

The subject of this review continued in charge of the home farm until it was sold and in 1855, having previously married, he started with his wife, mother, brothers and sisters and three other families in search of

more favorable opportunities in the great west. The party came to Jasper county, Iowa, traveling by wagon and camping out at night en route. The mother purchased forty acres of land, which one of her sons-in-law cultivated, and she made her home in his family. Subsequently she lived around among her children, being called away November 1, 1887, in her eighty-ninth year, while stopping with the subject of this review.

Commodore Perry McQuiston devoted his attention during the first two years after arriving in Jasper county principally to making shingles and ax handles. At the end of that time he and his brother Silas purchased seventy acres of land which they divided between them, their farms being located in Jasper county on the Story county line. Here Mr. McQuiston continued for ten or twelve years, when he traded his place for sixty acres in Collins township, Story county, and subsequently bought forty acres adjoining, making an attractive farm of one hundred acres, upon which he has since lived continuously. He is a man of acknowledged ability, upright character and moral worth.

On the 9th of May, 1850, Mr. McQuiston was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Henning, a daughter of Jacob Henning, a farmer of La Grange county, Indiana. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McQuiston twelve children have been born, seven of whom are now living, namely: Eli, of Jasper county; John Q., who now has charge of his father's place; Charles L. and George W., both farmers of Collins township; Dora M., who is the widow of Thomas Holmes and is now living with her father; Commodore Perry, of Aitkin county, Minnesota; and Sarah E., the wife of George Vasey, of Jasper county.

Mr. McQuiston is an earnest supporter of the republican party, and although his attention has been taken up mainly with his own affairs, he has served with great acceptance as road supervisor and member of the school board. He and his wife are thoroughly respected by their neighbors and friends on account of their genial, hospitable characteristics, no needy stranger ever being turned from their door empty-handed. He has from his boyhood been active, industrious and efficient and now has the satisfaction of knowing that through his well applied energy he and his estimable wife are amply provided for during the remainder of their lives.

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#### ISAAC H. ATKINSON.

The name of Atkinson has for more than fifty years been familiar to the inhabitants of Story county. The family having come here in pioneer days. Isaac H. Atkinson, the son of Eli and Jestine (Moore) Atkinson, was born in Knox county, Illinois, on the 4th of October, 1850. His father was a native of Clark county, Ohio, and his mother of Tazewell county, West Virginia. They removed to Knox county, Illinois, with their re-

spective parents when children and there were reared and married. In 1847 they came to Story county, where they lived for one year and then went to Missouri for a year, at the end of which time they returned to Knox county, Illinois, where they resided for twelve years. In 1862 they again came to Story county, locating in Palestine township, but in the spring of 1870 they went to Jasper county and for twelve years were residents of the latter place. They migrated to Guthrie county, Nebraska, in 1886 and later went to Washington and Montana. Our subject's mother has passed away and since October, 1908, the father has made his home with his son Isaac.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, the Rev. Isaac Atkinson, was a Methodist minister and came to Story county with his son Eli when the latter first migrated from Illinois and made his home here during the remainder of his life. Not having any means of conveyance, he traveled all over Story county on foot in order to carry the gospel to the people. The story of Christ was told in the log cabin, the primitive schoolhouse, and sometimes in a clearing in the forest—God's first temple. Mr. Atkinson was widely known and highly esteemed throughout the district in which he so long resided. It was said of him that he had conducted more funeral services during the many years he ministered to the spiritual needs of the people than any other divine in the state. During the last thirty-five or forty years of his life he was afflicted with total blindness but no mere physical infirmity could vanquish a spirit such as his and despite the difficulties he encountered in going from place to place he continued to preach the word of God. In 1884 he passed away. He was living in Jasper county at the time, where he had removed late in life from the old homestead in Palestine township, this county.

Isaac H. Atkinson, who represents the third generation bearing this name in Story county, was reared at home. His boyhood and youth were very similar to those of all pioneer farmer boys attending the district school, which was conducted in a log schoolhouse very unlike the modern school buildings seen on the Iowa prairies. He assisted in the work of the farm and enjoyed such recreations as fell to the lot of the young people of his day.

On the 7th of August, 1881, Mr. Atkinson married Miss Mary Boitnott, and immediately after this event he began farming on his own account as a renter, but at the end of four years they went to Nebraska and preempted one hundred and sixty acres in Frontier county, where they continued to live for nine years. In 1894 they returned to Story county and remained here for two years, at the end of which time they again removed to Nebraska, residing there until 1900, when they sold their preemption. Returning to this county they rented the farm in Indian Creek township where they still live and which they now own, having bought it in 1904. It is one of the fine farms of the locality, containing one hundred and forty-eight acres of well improved and valuable land.



Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are the parents of nine children: Gertie, the wife of Fred Lakin, living in Kansas; Lee, of Colo, this county; Sidney, who lives in Indian Creek township; Guy, of McCallsburg, also of this county; Archie, George and Devere at home, George being a student in the high school; and Lois and Gerald. The family attend the services of the Christian church, of which the parents are members. Mr. Atkinson is a republican in his political views, feeling that party's policy of protection best subserves the interests of the agriculturist, and while he fulfills his duty as a citizen by casting a vote at each election, he has never sought any reward for party fealty in the way of political honors. His fraternal relations are confined to membership in Sylvan Camp, M. W. A. He is one of those unobtrusive, reliable and substantial citizens highly esteemed and respected throughout the community in which he lives because he can at all times be depended upon to fulfill his duty as he sees it to his country and fellowmen.

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### JOHN THOMPSON.

John Thompson, of Collins, who is well known in financial and business circles in Story and adjacent counties, has achieved a gratifying measure of success and is today numbered among the prosperous and progressive men whose work has redounded to his credit and to that of the community. Born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 14, 1841, he is a son of William and Margaret (Moorehead) Thompson, both natives of Venango county, Pennsylvania. They were reared in Venango county and subsequently came to Red Rock, Iowa, but later returned to Ohio and lived for various periods in Wayne, Stark and Hancock counties. In 1851 the father crossed the plains to the California gold fields and spent twenty-six years on the Pacific coast, at the end of which time he came to Des Moines, and finally settled in Jasper county, Iowa, where he passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. The mother was called to her reward at the age of seventy-five years.

John Thompson continued at home until he arrived at manhood. In 1861 he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and a year later went to Ohio, returning with his mother. The Civil war was then in progress and three of his brothers were at the front serving in the cause of the Union, but the subject of this review decided to remain at home to take care of his mother. His financial resources were extremely limited and he began farming as a renter, cultivating the land to such good advantage that after four years he purchased forty acres in Clear Creek township, which he improved and sold, buying another tract of forty acres in the same county. In about 1872 he purchased eighty acres on section 32, Collins township, Story county, later adding forty acres also on section 32, and making ad-





MR. AND MRS. JOHN THOMPSON



ditional purchases until he became the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred acres, which he improved and cultivated with highly gratifying results. In October, 1898, he removed to Collins, where he has since resided. For the past sixteen years he has been engaged in the banking business and has gained an acknowledged standing in financial circles on account of the ability he has displayed in this line.

On the 1st day of January, 1866, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Ann Elizabeth Angelo, a daughter of Samuel W. and Rhoda (Burwell) Angelo, a record of whom appears in the sketch of J. B. Angelo, which is presented elsewhere in this work. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: Walter H., and Rhoda E., the wife of Edward Jones of Collins. Mr. Thompson belongs to the liberal branch of the democratic party and reserves the right to vote for a candidate irrespective of political lines. He served for a number of years as member of the school board. He is identified with Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., and also with the Odd Fellows. He and his wife are stanch members of the Christian church, of which he is trustee and elder.

The career of Mr. Thompson is a striking example of the effect of well directed energy and persistent purpose and should be an inspiration to any young man who is obliged to face the world and has nothing to depend upon but his own strong constitution and an unalterable determination to win. The silent influence of a noble life no mortal can tell and it is with unfeigned pleasure that the sketch of one of Story county's most honored citizens is herewith presented.

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### BERT B. WELTY.

Bert B. Welty, for twelve years past in the active practice of law in Nevada and also prominent as a business man, was born at Oregon, Ogle county, Illinois, May 31, 1871. He comes of Teutonic ancestry and is a son of Christian C. and Susan (Poffenberger) Welty, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Maryland. The father was a farmer, and at the time of the Civil war, on account of his sympathy with the Union cause and also because of depredations by soldiers of both armies, who took his live stock, he lost the accumulations of years. In 1870 he removed to Ogle county, Illinois, living there until 1881, when he took up his residence in State Center, Marshall county, Iowa. In 1882, however, he located at Johnson's Grove in Richland township, Story county, Iowa, where he was actively engaged in farming until 1899, when he retired to Colo, Iowa, continuing there until 1907, when he passed away at the age of eighty years. He was a man of rugged physique and many sterling qualities that greatly endeared him to those with whom he was associated.

The mother of our subject departed this life in January, 1906, at the age of seventy years. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran church.

There were seven children in their family, namely: Daniel D., who is now living on the farm of his brother; Harvey A., of Spirit Lake, Iowa, who engaged in teaching for a number of years and is also actively identified with agricultural interests; Ira C., of Nevada, who has been county superintendent of schools and is now devoting his attention to his land interests; Dora May, deceased; Bert B., the subject of this review; David Guy, of Nevada, who has also taught school and is a stock-buyer and landowner; and Gertrude V., the wife of A. B. Alderman, of Marion, Iowa, who for some years past has served as county superintendent of schools.

Bert B. Welty was reared on his father's farm and thoroughly instructed by him in all details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He attended the district schools and taught for several terms. He was a student in the Iowa State Normal School, at Cedar Falls, from which he was graduated in 1896. Having decided to devote his attention to the legal profession, he matriculated at the Iowa State University in the fall of 1896, graduating with a degree of LL. B. in June, 1898. He at once began practice at Nevada and possessing natural adaptability for law and also having made thorough preparation in one of the most noted schools in the west, he has met with gratifying success from the very start. He is the owner of a farm east of Nevada of two hundred and forty-five acres, where he maintains a noted herd of Shetland ponies, to which he has devoted a great deal of attention, having made two trips to the Shetland Islands, Scotland, for the purpose of selecting and importing pedigreed stock. He has arranged for a trip to the islands with his family in 1911. He also owns eighty acres in Sherman township and an interest in the Highland Park addition to Nevada, being associated in the latter enterprise with Judge C. G. Lee and P. E. Shugart. He has other business connections and has shown a judgment and discrimination in financial affairs which give great promise for his success along those lines in the future.

In June, 1900, Mr. Welty was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Shoemaker, a native of Indiana and daughter of Daniel and Mattie (Baer) Shoemaker, who came to Iowa in 1880. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welty: Esther M., born September 2, 1901; Paul B., February 28, 1904; Mildred A., July 13, 1906; and Joseph P., who was born January 9, 1910, and died July 1, 1910.

Mr. Welty is a member of the Story County Bar Association and politically gives his earnest support to the republican party. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is a strong advocate of the beneficent principles of those organizations. He has attained a high position in professional

and business circles, and, being a man of unusual energy and determination, his friends prophesy for him a brilliant future. Thoroughly honorable and straightforward, he is always loyal to his convictions, never swerving from what he believes to be just and right. It is men of his class, possessing virility, intelligence and progressiveness that add to the prosperity of the county, state and union.

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### CHARLES J. PORTER.

In Scott county, Iowa, on the 27th of September, 1855, was born Charles J. Porter, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sykes) Porter. The father was an Irishman by birth but the mother was a native of England, both coming to this country after reaching maturity. The mother was a widow when she married Mr. Porter, her first husband being a Mr. Todd, with whom she had lived in New York city for several years, but after his death she removed to Iowa and here she met and married Mr. Porter. In 1867 they removed to Story county, locating on eighty acres of land which they bought in Indian Creek township, adding to their holdings from time to time until they had acquired two hundred acres. The father died on this farm in 1882, but the mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five years and makes her home in Des Moines.

The early years of Charles J. Porter's life were spent under the paternal roof and were occupied in acquiring an education and in assisting in the work of the farm. His leisure hours were employed very similarly to the majority of young people. He laid aside his text-books when he felt that he had acquired such knowledge as he deemed essential for the vocation he elected to pursue and then assumed the heavier responsibilities of life. At the age of twenty-one years he left home and the first two years of his independent life were spent as a farm hand but at the end of that time he rented land and thereafter worked for himself. Diligence, good management and application enabled him to acquire sufficient capital to buy a place, so he purchased a farm just one mile north of his homestead and lived there for four years. At the expiration of that period he rented his present farm, which at that time was the property of his father-in-law, N. P. Hall, for seven years and then bought it in 1898. This is one of the best farms in Indian Creek township, containing one hundred and thirty acres of well tilled land, with good improvements which are in excellent repair. Mr. Porter also owns sixty-five acres on section 34 of the same township, which he purchased in 1895, the aggregate of his realty holdings thus being one hundred and ninety-five acres. For the past twenty-five years he has made a specialty of feeding stock for the market, making it a practice to consume all of his crops in this manner, and he has been most successful in his undertakings.



Mr. Porter established a home of his own by his marriage on the 9th of September, 1886, to Miss Ellen Hall, the daughter of Noble P. and Margaret (Fellner) Hall, early settlers of Story county. They are the parents of two children; Rose Ethel, the wife of John L. Fleming, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Curt C. who lives at home.

The family have always attended the Presbyterian church, of which the parents are members. The republican party has at all times had the strong support of Mr. Porter, as he considers its basic principles best adapted to the protection of home interests and industries. He has never been an active participant in politics to the extent of seeking office or desiring public honors, but fulfills his duty as a citizen by casting his ballot for the candidates of his party. He is regarded as one of the successful and substantial citizens of his township, whose business methods and high principles as well as upright life compel the respect of all.

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### CHRISTOPHER HARRINGTON.

Among the self-made men of Story county probably none are more worthy of the success they have attained than Christopher Harrington, the owner of one of the most productive farms in the county, which he acquired entirely through his own industry and good business judgment. He was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, July 21, 1855, a son of Christopher and Julia A. (Rouse) Harrington, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Canada. The father was twice married, the mother of the subject of this review being his second wife. After his second marriage he took up his residence on a farm in St. Lawrence county, New York, where he lived for twenty-five or thirty years, passing away in 1876. The mother departed this life in 1891.

Christopher Harrington was reared under the kindly influences of a genial home and received his education in the common schools. He continued with his parents until twenty one years of age and then, like many young men of the east, he decided to cast his fortunes in the Mississippi valley. Accordingly he went to De Kalb county, Illinois, where he worked upon a farm for two years, and then in 1879 removed to Story county, Iowa, and continued in farm work for another period of two years. In 1881 he began renting land and after about twelve years, having acquired sufficient capital, he bought eighty acres on section 1, Collins township, but he has never lived upon this place, as one year later he purchased the farm which he had been renting. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres in one body and has made many improvements, converting this into one of the most valuable properties of its size in the county.

In 1880 Mr. Harrington was united in marriage to Miss Dora A. Crouch, a daughter of Jacob Crouch, who came from West Virginia to

Jasper county, Iowa, in 1852 and shortly afterward took up his residence in Story county. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington: Charles A., now a farmer of Collins township; Jesse I., a farmer of Grant township; William J., who is engaged in farming in New Albany township; and Christopher C. and George N., both of whom are at home.

Mr. Harrington gives his support to the republican party and although he has never sought public office, he has served as a member of the school board and for many years as road supervisor, being largely instrumental in the construction of the present good roads in the township. At the present time he is a member of the board of township trustees. Fraternally he is identified with Crescent Camp, No. 2358, M. W. A. He ranks as one of the substantial and progressive farmers of the county. In the early part of his career he overcame many difficulties, keeping in view a position of independence which he has now gained. He justly stands very high in the estimation of the community in which he lives, being regarded as one of its most valued members.

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### JONAS A. CHRISTIAN.

One of the best improved farms in Story county is the property of Jonas A. Christian, the vice president of the Roland Savings Bank, who was born in Harvard township in 1867. His father, John Christian, was born in Norway but came to the United States with his parents when he was twelve years of age. The family located in Kendall county, Illinois, in the district schools of which John Christian acquired his education. He remained a member of his father's household until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, when he removed to Story county, Iowa, to engage in farming. By purchase he had already acquired the right to one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he located when he arrived and made all improvements thereon. He was one of those men who make industry spell success and by application and economy he became one of the most extensive landowners in this section of the state, having acquired title to fourteen hundred acres at the time of his death. He married Miss Cecelia Pierson and they became the parents of nine children three of whom are still living: Jonas A.; Otis H., a resident of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Edward. The parents were both members of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Christian gave liberal support, being one of the organizers of the church in Roland. He was a stanch advocate of the policy of the republican party, for whose candidates he always cast his ballot. Mrs. Christian is still living at the age of sixty-seven and makes her home on the farm where they first settled, but her husband passed away in 1908 at the age of seventy-five years. His only asset when he

began his business career was an inexhaustible fund of courage, which was ever supported by a worthy ambition and strength of purpose, by means of which he achieved his success.

The early years of Jonas A. Christian's life were spent in procuring an education, performing his share of the farm work and enjoying such pastimes as the average youth. He remained at home until he had reached his majority, when he commenced working for himself. Since that time he has acquired three hundred and seventy acres of land, all of which he is cultivating. He makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs, and in this he has met with success. His homestead is well improved, the residence being one of the handsomest in Story county and containing all of the modern improvements and many beautiful appointments.

Mr. Christian has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Bessie Johnson, a daughter of Knute Johnson, by whom he had three children, as follows: Cora, Maimie and Silvia. The wife and mother passed away in 1905. Mr. Christian's present wife, who was Miss Deona Logan, is the daughter of Christian Logan. Two children have been born of this union, twin boys, Julius Cecil and John Logan. Mr. and Mrs. Christian attend the Lutheran church, of which denomination they are members. The candidates of the republican party always receive his ballot and have ever since he received the right of citizenship. He is very active in local politics and is at present serving as trustee in Harvard township. He has been successful in his various undertakings and in addition to his real estate is one of the stockholders and officials of the Roland Savings Bank. He is considered one of the most progressive citizens and foremost business men in his community, and both he and his wife have many friends who enjoy the gracious hospitality of their beautiful home.

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### C. E. LONGNECKER.

C. E. Longnecker, the proprietor of the Calamus Run Stock Farm, was born in Polk county, Iowa, on the 23d of March, 1865. His father was a native of Indiana and was but ten years of age when his parents removed to Iowa, locating in Polk county near Des Moines, where the son grew to manhood and married Miss Mary Davis, the mother of our subject. After his marriage Mr. Longnecker settled on a farm in Polk county, which at that time was a piece of unbroken and unimproved prairie, and there the parents spent their entire lives, Mrs. Longnecker passing away in 1875 and her husband twenty-five years later.

The early years of C. E. Longnecker's life were uneventful, the routine of the days being varied only by trivial incidents which hardly served to break the monotony. He attended the district school, aided his parents about the house and farm, and for recreation depended upon such diver-

sions as are made possible for young people living in an unsettled community. His father ran a sawmill and threshing machine and from his tenth year Mr. Longnecker served as his assistant, as his strength increased with the passing years more of the work and greater responsibility devolving upon him. This cooperative plan of work remained in effect until the son became twenty-five years of age.

On the 30th of March, 1890, Mr. Longnecker was united in marriage to Miss Allie Cole, a daughter of Henry Cole, of Maxwell, and subsequent to this event he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres two miles south of Collins. It was upon this place the young people began their life together and were soon able to add another forty-six acres to their holdings. They resided upon this farm for twelve years and then in 1902 they sold and bought their present homestead in Indian Creek township. Mr. Longnecker now owns two hundred and forty acres of as fine and well improved farming land as can be found in the vicinity. During his occupancy he has rebuilt the house, erected a new barn, tiled his land and added various other improvements, all of which have served to increase the value of his property. He has become quite prominently known as a stockman through the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, in both of which he has been most successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Longnecker have become the parents of two sons and two daughters: Roscoe H., Iona B., Ruth and Ralph D., all of whom reside at home. The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which the parents are active members, the father having served as a deacon for some years. Mr. Longnecker is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and being a strong advocate of prohibition he always casts his vote for the candidates of that party. In addition to his realty holdings and stock interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Maxwell. He is known as one of the progressive and intelligent agriculturists and stockmen of his district and is highly esteemed by all who have had either business or social relations with him.

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### JOHN H. GAMBLE.

For thirty years John H. Gamble applied himself industriously to farming in Story county and then he retired to Maxwell, where he is now enjoying the fruits of his labors. He was born in Carroll county, Indiana, December 22, 1854, son of J. D. Gamble, a record of whom is presented in the sketch of William H. Gamble which appears elsewhere in this work. John H. Gamble received his education in the common schools and continued upon the home farm, assisting his father until after reaching manhood. In 1876 he began farming on his own account and a year later purchased eighty acres adjoining the family homestead. Having married,



he and his bride began housekeeping upon the farm, where he continued for six years, at the same time renting a portion of the homestead. In 1883 he sold his place and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Indian Creek township, to which he removed. For more than twenty years he devoted his attention closely and with marked success to agriculture and stock-raising, and then in 1905 he removed to Maxwell, where he has since resided. In 1907 he sold his farm and purchased eighty acres on section 20, which he still owns and which is in charge of one of his sons.

On the 7th of March, 1878, Mr. Gamble was united in marriage to Miss Clara Maxwell, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Maxwell. Her father came to Story county about 1852 and is now living in Iowa Center, being in his eighty-seventh year. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, three of whom are now living, namely: Vera, the wife of Fred Ray, of Rendrick, Iowa; Van D., now in charge of his father's farm; and George M., of Maxwell. The mother of these children, having departed this life July 21, 1900, Mr. Gamble was married June 20, 1902, to Miss Phoebe Moore, a daughter of Lott and Mary (Glenn) Moore. Her father was a well known farmer of Indian Creek township.

Mr. Gamble has never taken any active part in political or religious affairs, preferring to devote his energies to his own private interests. He became a thorough and systematic farmer and by his example of patient application leading to a gratifying measure of success he influenced many others to renewed ambition. He reared his children to lives of industry and accomplished his part in the great work which has transformed the wild prairie and woodland into the beautiful farms to be seen in all parts of the state today.

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### S. E. COOPER.

The business interests of Story county find a worthy representative in S. E. Cooper, who has throughout the existence of Maxwell been prominently identified with its upbuilding and advancement. He is today one of the leading business men of the city, conducting an up-to-date furniture and undertaking establishment, and is president of the Peoples State Bank, which is one of the reliable financial institutions of this section of the state. He is a man of good business and executive ability and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Cooper was born in Mercer county, on the 7th of March, 1853, and is the son of John and Rebecca Ann (Stark) Cooper. His father was a native of Devonshire, England, but was only three years of age when brought to this country by his parents, who settled near Albany in New York state. Later the family removed to Michigan





BUSINESS BLOCK OF S. E. COOPER



and from there to Mercer county, Illinois, where John Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Ann Stark, a native of Indiana. Upon a farm in that county they made their home until 1860, when they removed to Warren county, Iowa, and in 1864 came to Story county, locating in the village of Iowa Center. There the father carried on agricultural pursuits and was also interested in other business until the spring of 1871, when he went to Kansas, living in that state for several years. Finally he returned to Story county and made his home in Maxwell until called to his final rest.

S. E. Cooper was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the public schools of Illinois and Iowa. His father being a wagonmaker by trade, he took up that occupation during his boyhood and continued to work with him for some years. In 1879 he opened a shop of his own in Iowa Center, where he carried on business as a wagonmaker for five years. In 1882 he came to Maxwell, through which village the railroad had been built the previous winter, and here he erected a building on the corner now occupied by the Peoples State Bank, it being the second structure built there. In it he opened a stock of furniture, becoming identified in business with the firm of Baldwin & Maxwell, general merchants, under the name of S. E. Cooper & Company. In 1893 Mr. Cooper bought out his partners and continued in the furniture business alone. He carries a large and well selected stock, necessary to meet the demands of his customers but has not confined his attention alone to the furniture trade for he also does all of the undertaking business in his locality. On the organization of the Peoples State Bank, he became its president and has since served in that capacity. In the spring of 1909 he purchased the Miller block, which was built in 1900 at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars but at the present time would probably cost twenty-five thousand dollars, owing to the rise in building material. It is the finest business block in a town of its size to be found anywhere, and Maxwell has every reason to be proud of the institution.

Mr. Cooper was married in 1877 to Miss Nellie Squires of Iowa Center, a daughter of Henry and Josephine Squires, and to them were born seven children, of whom five still survive, namely: Rae, the wife of C. B. Wells, of Maxwell; Hugh J., who is engaged in the real-estate business in Weatherford, Oklahoma; Guy, who is a partner in his father's business; Hazel, the wife of Sidney Sherman, of Maxwell; and Nellie, a teacher in the public schools of this county. The mother of these children died in 1892, and the following year Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Mrs. Mattie J. (Moore) Wood of Iowa Center, by whom he has one son, Forest F., now sixteen years of age.

Fraternally, Mr. Cooper is a member of Social Lodge, No. 463, I. O. O. F., and three times has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the state. He is one of the leading members of the organization and wears the veterans jewel for twenty-five years in good standing. He is also connected with the Yeomen and with the Mystic Workers of the World. In

his political affiliations he is a republican and has been honored with the office of mayor of Maxwell, which position he acceptably filled for one term. He has also been a member of the town council and of the school board continuously since the town was organized. He is today one of the most prominent business men and leading citizens of Maxwell, and the honorable position which he has attained is due entirely to his own well directed efforts, good management and sound judgment, for in starting out in life for himself he was without capital and had to make his way in the world unaided by financial support.

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### JAMES MCCOY.

James McCoy, the senior member of the real-estate and insurance firm of James McCoy & Son, which he organized in August, 1907, is one of the leading and successful citizens of Colo. His birth occurred in West Virginia on the 28th of June, 1855, his parents being Rodger and Bridget (Manahan) McCoy, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in early manhood and womanhood, locating in West Virginia, where their marriage was celebrated and where they continued to reside until 1861. That year witnessed their removal westward to Clinton county, Iowa, where they made their home for two years, on the expiration of which period they went to Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa. They came to Story county in 1868 and on the 28th of May of that year Mr. McCoy purchased and located on a farm of eighty acres situated a mile and a half west of Colo in New Albany township. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of this farm at two different times, making the homestead one of two hundred acres. The further cultivation and improvement of the property claimed his time and energies until 1894, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Colo, where his demise occurred on the 22d of September, 1897. The period of his residence in Story county covered almost three decades and he gained a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders. Both he and his wife passed away in the faith of the Catholic church, the latter being called to her final rest on the 8th of March, 1898.

James McCoy was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools of Colo. When a youth of eighteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade and after completing his apprenticeship opened a shop in Colo, being engaged in blacksmithing for about thirty-five years. While still operating his shop he embarked in the implement business, becoming the proprietor of an establishment of this character about 1880. Some years later he abandoned blacksmithing and turned his entire attention to the conduct of his agricultural implement business, in which he was successfully engaged until the 1st of June, 1900, when he

sold out. For some years prior to that time he had been dealing in real estate and in August, 1907, established the firm of James McCoy & Son for the conduct of a real-estate and insurance business. He has secured a good clientage in this connection and has negotiated a number of important realty transfers, being thoroughly familiar with the value of property and the opportunity for sale or purchase.

On the 24th of November, 1881, Mr. McCoy was united in marriage to Miss Sarah O'Donnell, a native of England. Her father, Martin O'Donnell, who was born in Ireland, is now a resident of Colo, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have two children, namely: Martin R., who is a partner of his father in the firm of James McCoy & Son; and Mary A., the wife of H. R. Wilson, of Hope, Kansas.

Mr. McCoy is a democrat in politics and for many years served as a member of the school board. He is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Logan Camp, No. 1591, M. W. A. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Colo and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement intended to benefit this section of the country or promote the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted county.

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### CHARLES CARMODY.

As a breeder of Norman and Percheron horses Charles Carmody has demonstrated an ability which receives recognition from many who are interested in the improvement of horses and other farm animals. He is also a successful farmer and has a beautiful place, which includes three hundred and twenty acres in Sherman township, as a visible evidence of the deep interest he takes in the work with which he has been connected since his earliest recollection.

Born in Jersey county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1865, he is the son of Patrick and Mary (Moroney) Carmody, both natives of Ireland. They came to America in 1862 and after spending a few years in Pennsylvania removed to Illinois, settling in Sherman township, Story county, Iowa, in April, 1882, where Mr. Carmody engaged with a goodly measure of success in farming. In 1900 the parents took up their residence in the town of Nevada and nine years later made their home with a daughter in Nevada township. The father was called away November 1, 1909, and the mother January 4, 1910.

Charles Carmody received his education in the public schools of Illinois and Iowa, coming to this state with his parents at seventeen years of age. Even as a boy he showed special adaptability to the pursuits of agriculture and stock-raising and after reaching manhood he applied himself with such diligence that he became the owner of one of the most valuable



farms of Sherman township. For a number of years he has paid special attention to the breeding of horses, and as he uses sound judgment and has a thorough understanding of market conditions, he generally succeeds in receiving a fair price for animals raised upon his farm. Since coming into possession of his place he has made many improvements, erecting new buildings and fences, tiling the land and adding many modern accessories and equipments, so that his farm is now one of the attractive features of the landscape in Sherman township.

On the 12th of February, 1890, Mr. Carmody was united in marriage at Colo to Miss Margaret Moroney, a daughter of John and Mary (Moloney) Moroney both of whom were natives of Ireland. Mrs. Carmody was born in England, March 25, 1862, and was brought by her parents to America in 1863. The family lived for a number of years in Illinois and the father became connected with the railroad business but later engaged in farming. He moved to Iowa in 1887 and settled in Nevada township, Story county. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Carmody: John P., who was born October 23, 1891, and is now attending business college at Des Moines; Patrick Joseph, who was born February 1, 1893, and is now living on the old homestead in Story county; Delia, who was born June 10, 1895, and died June 3, 1896; and Mary Kathryn, born September 16, 1896, now a pupil in the public schools.

Mr. Carmody is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen, ever ready to extend his assistance to any worthy cause that aims to develop his part of the county or to increase the neighborly feeling of the people. He belongs to the liberal element of the democratic party and in local affairs often votes irrespective of party lines. He is now serving as township trustee, a position for which he is well qualified, being thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the township, and for four years he has been a member of the school board. In religious belief he follows the faith of his ancestors and gives his sincere adherence to the Catholic church.

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#### MATTHEW C. REAGAN.

Among the retired farmers who are now engaged in business in Maxwell is Matthew C. Reagan, a native of the Keystone state, having been born in Fayette county on the 17th of February, 1847, a son of James and Rachel (Shaffert) Reagan, who were also both natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. The parents migrated to Iowa in 1856, locating on a farm of eighty acres in Jasper county, which the father had acquired through a land warrant as a soldier in the war of 1812. The winter of 1856-7 was a very severe one and in the spring he was forced to trade his farm for a forty acre piece and a team of horses.

as he had lost everything he had. A few months after locating on his new place, on the 7th of June, 1867, his wife passed away, her death being caused by fright at the sight of a runaway team in charge of her son, whom she supposed had been killed. Shortly after her demise the father went to live with his daughter, with whom he made his home until his death, which occurred seven years later and on the same day of the month as that of his wife.

The early years of Matthew C. Reagan were spent under the paternal roof, and at such times as his services were not required in the work of the farm he attended the district schools, where he acquired his education. The most of his schooling was obtained in the old Center school in Clay Creek township, Jasper county. At the age of twenty-three years he started to work for himself, hiring out as a farm hand, but after a short time he became ill and was compelled to return home, where he remained until the following spring, when he began farming as a renter on eighty acres of land in Jasper county, which belonged to his father-in-law, remaining there for five years. At the end of that period he leased a place in Collins township, Story county, which he cultivated for three years, and then returned to Jasper county and after remaining there for one year again removed to Story county, settling upon eighty acres of raw prairie, which he had bought in Collins township. This he improved and cultivated for two years and then sold it, purchasing another eighty acres of unimproved land in the same township, which he also disposed of at the end of three years. Following this he bought eighty acres of improved land, also in Collins township, and after living there for four years he sold it and removed to Marshall county. After two years' residence in the latter place he again returned to Story county for a few years and subsequently bought a hotel in Rolfe, Pocahontas county, but soon disposed of this, buying a farm in the same county, where he resided for a time and then moved to Union county, where he lived for four years. At the end of that time he returned to Story county, where he has since resided. He gave up farming in 1906 and removed to Nevada, Iowa, and then in October, 1910, he purchased the livery stable in Maxwell with which he is still identified.

On the 7th of February, 1870, Mr. Reagan was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Plumb, of Jasper county, but a native of Licking county, Ohio. Eight children were born of this union, five of whom survive: Rachel, who is the wife of John Hardin, proprietor of the electric light plant at State Center; Belle, the wife of W. T. Norris, of Nevada; Andrew George, a farmer of Shipley, Iowa; John H., a resident of Clyde, North Dakota; and Grover C., farmer, Grant township, this county. The mother passed away on the 6th of October 1908, and after her death Mr. Reagan made his home with his son at Shipley until he located in Maxwell.

Although he has never taken an active interest in politics to the extent of aspiring to public office, Mr. Reagan always votes for the candidates of the democratic party. He is a member of the Christian church and is one of the esteemed citizens and highly regarded business men of Maxwell.

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### Theron W. Blackman.

Among the prosperous business men of Nevada, Blackman Brothers, vegetable gardeners, are recognized as leaders in their line, their business each year showing a handsome increase, and the reputation of the firm now extends over a wide territory in central Iowa. This enviable prosperity they have attained through their own exertions and the exercise of sound business principles and strictly honorable methods.

Theron W. Blackman, senior member of the firm, was born in Rochester, New York, in 1858. His father, James Blackman, was born in England and came to the United States with his parents, the grandfather being also named James. The family settled on a farm near Rochester, New York, in 1827. There the father grew to manhood and became identified with farming interests. He came to Iowa in 1864, locating in Benton county, where he remained for eight years, at the end of which time he removed to Nevada and his death occurred there in March, 1907. He gave his adherence to the republican party except during the last few years of his life, when he was identified with the cause of prohibition. He was a staunch believer in the Bible and held membership in the Methodist church. Our subject's mother, who bore the maiden name of Belinda Ann Allen, was born near Rochester, New York, in 1836. She was of German and English descent and, like her husband, was a faithful member of the Methodist church. She departed this life in February, 1907. Two children were born to them: Theron W., our subject; and Allen L., who was born in Benton county, Iowa, in 1864 and is now identified with his brother in business.

Theron W. Blackman was reared as a farmer boy and early acquired a love of nature, which has been one of the prevailing characteristics of his life. He gained his preliminary education in the country schools and later became a student in the Nevada high school, where he gained the foundation of a good education. As he advanced in years he showed evidences of possessing a practical mind and as soon as opportunity presented he purchased a tract of land just west of Nevada, where he established a truck farm, the nucleus of one hundred and ten acres which the firm now owns. The demand for the products of the farm has grown steadily and in 1898 the firm erected a greenhouse twenty-two by one hundred feet in size for the propagation of plants to be used on the farm or disposed of to patrons. A ready market is found for all the produce that

is raised and there is every indication that the demand will continue to increase as the years pass. The success of Blackman Brothers is due to their industry, perseverance and good judgment. The brothers are identified with the Methodist church and both are active prohibitionists, believing that the saloon is the greatest enemy of society.

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#### ADELBERT B. MAXWELL, M. D.

Dr. Adelbert B. Maxwell, a member of the medical profession in Ames and president of the Story County Medical Society, was born in DuPage county, Illinois, on the 10th of February, 1863. He is the son of David N. and Altha (Bartholomew) Maxwell, the father also being a native of DuPage county, where he always lived until the family removed to Story county, Iowa, in 1867. He is no longer engaged in active business. Of the three children of the family only one is now living, Adelbert B.

Dr. Adelbert B. Maxwell was only four years of age when his parents located in Story county, so that almost his entire life, with the exception of the years he was away studying for his profession, have been spent in this immediate locality. His boyhood and youth were very similar to those of the majority of men. He attended the district schools, performed such tasks as were assigned by parental authority and occupied his leisure hours in the diversions which appeal to every boy who lives in the rural districts. After he had completed the work of the common schools he entered the Iowa State College, where he studied for two years. Later he went to Iowa City and matriculated in the medical department of the Iowa State University, remaining there for a similar period, but finished his medical course in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College of Chicago, Illinois, being identified with that institution until his graduation, at which time he received the degree of M. D. He was a very ambitious young man, however, having always been a diligent student, and unlike most young physicians, felt that instead of having completed the study of medicine he had just begun it and so entered Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Chicago, in order to continue his research in the healing art.

After the completion of his post-graduate course Dr. Maxwell returned to Ames and began the practice of medicine and surgery, in both of which lines he has proven himself to be most capable and skillful. Later he took up the special practice of eye and ear. One of his strongest assets in all probability has been his personality which never fails to soothe and cheer the patient, while at the same time it inspires confidence in the efficacy of his art. He also possesses that most essential of all powers to the medical man acuteness in the diagnosis of disease, as well as the gentle touch and positive hand of the competent surgeon. He always makes friends in the sick room as is attested by his large and growing practice.



Dr. Maxwell has never permitted his professional duties to absorb him to the extent of releasing him from all of his responsibilities as a public citizen. He has always voted the republican ticket and takes a keen interest in all municipal affairs, and that his constituency and the general community regard him favorably is indicated by the fact that he has been city clerk since 1886; no man ever held an office, however insignificant it might be, continuously for twenty years unless he held the respect and confidence of the community.

Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, his local affiliation being with Arcadia Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., he is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Modern Woodmen of America, Ames Camp, No. 458, the basic principles of which organizations serve to guide his life.

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### JACOB D. SCOTT.

One of the best known stockmen in this section of the state was the late Jacob D. Scott, who for twenty-eight years was a resident of Indian Creek township, Story county. The son of Robert M. and Mary (Drake) Scott, he was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of March, 1854, his parents also being natives of the Keystone state. In 1867 they came west, settling on a farm near Keokuk, Iowa, where they remained, however, but for one year, at the end of that time removing to Jasper county. They were residents of the latter county for ten years and in 1874 they bought a farm one-half mile north of Elwell in Indian Creek township, this county, which is now owned by O. N. Jory, and here they continued to live until Mr. Scott retired in 1890, when they removed to Maxwell. Mrs. Scott passed away on the 13th of March, 1904, and since that time he has made his home with his children. He is now living with his youngest son in Greene county, Missouri.

The boyhood and youth of Jacob D. Scott were very similar to those of most boys who are reared in the country. He attended the district school when not occupied in performing his share of the farm work, and indulged during his leisure in such sports as are usually enjoyed by young people. At the usual age he laid aside his text-books and assumed the responsibilities and duties of manhood. Deciding to follow the vocation of farming, he rented land in the vicinity of his home, where he continued to live until he was thirty years of age.

On the 21st of August, 1884, Mr. Scott was joined in marriage to Miss Cynthia Elizabeth Olinger, a daughter of James M. and Rebecca J. (John) Olinger. Her father came to Story county from Indiana in 1854 and continued to live in this state until he passed away on the 8th of April, 1907.

After his marriage Mr. Scott rented land in Polk county, which he farmed for two years. Having purchased, in the meantime, eighty acres





MR. AND MRS. J. D. SCOTT



near where he was renting he removed thereon and continued to reside there until 1900, at which time he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Story county, upon which he lived until called to his final rest on the 6th of August, 1910. His death was very sudden and a great shock to his family and friends.

Eleven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Scott, all of whom are living at home with their mother, with the exception of Lisle G., who is married and living on a farm near Elwell in this county, the others being Cecil E., Glen M., Forrest A., J. Burness, Anna Laura, Marion and Marie, twins, Alice L., Dale John and Arnold R. The family all attend the Christian church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Scott were members.

Mr. Scott was a stanch republican, feeling that party's policy of protection was essential to the best interest of home industries. Although he always cast his ballot at each election he never sought political honors or public office. His active interest in educational matters caused him to serve as school director in this district for several years. He was a liberal, broad-minded, public-spirited man, at all times doing his utmost to promote every movement for the betterment of the community in which he lived. Thoughtful and kind to the friendless, aiding the needy, always striving to bring into the lives of the unfortunate a little cheer, he was ever highly esteemed and respected.

Mrs. Scott, who was a teacher before her marriage, is a woman of unusual culture and refinement, and her home has always been one which stood for the highest and best, the family occupying an influential position in the social life of the community.

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#### ADELBERT LEE KENNEDY.

In the list of useful and lucrative occupations of Story county agriculture and stock-raising occupy the premier place. It is to these pursuits that the county owes its high standing in the state, and few sections of Iowa can boast of more carefully cultivated fields or of better grades of live stock. Among the well kept farms is that of Adelbert Lee Kennedy, who was born near Laporte, Marshall county, Indiana, February 3, 1854, a son of Emerson and Louisa (Bixby) Kennedy, the former a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the latter of Steuben county, New York. They were married in Ohio, to which state the mother had removed as a child with her parents, and after their marriage went to Marshall county, Indiana, coming to Iowa in 1857. After spending eleven years in Black Hawk county, Iowa, Mr. Kennedy purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Collins township, Story county, upon which he settled. In 1894 he retired from active life and took up his home with a daughter in Pocahontas county, Iowa, subsequently removing to Oklahoma,

where he resided with another daughter. He passed away in 1902, and the mother of our subject departed this life in 1887.

Adelbert Lee Kennedy came to Iowa with his parents and after receiving his education in the district schools continued upon the home farm until twenty years of age, when he began life upon his own account. At the age of twenty-seven years, having married, he established his home upon eighty acres of land which he purchased in Collins township and to which he has added as his resources permitted until he now owns a beautiful farm of one hundred and sixty acres which yields a handsome revenue. He was for a number of years prominently identified with the breeding of thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle, but during recent years has devoted his attention to cattle feeding, in which he has been highly successful.

On the 21st of September, 1881, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Dawes, of Decatur county, Iowa, a daughter of John and Mary (Van Dorn) Dawes, the former of whom was born at Thomaston, Lincoln county, Maine, and the latter at Vans Valley, Delaware county, Ohio. Mr. Dawes in his early manhood removed to Delaware county and after his marriage was engaged in the mercantile business at Alexandria, Licking county, Ohio, for twenty years. Subsequently he took up his residence on the old Van Dorn homestead at Vans Valley, where he was engaged in farming for twenty years. He passed away in 1876, and in 1877 Mrs. Dawes came with her children to Decatur county, Iowa, but later removed to Bonhomme county, South Dakota, where she died in 1896. Mrs. Kennedy's grandfather, William Dawes, was one of three brothers who came to America from England, James locating in Pennsylvania, Edward in Virginia and William at Thomaston, Maine. The last named became United States revenue collector for the port of Thomaston and was known as one of the leading citizens of the place.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy six children have been born, five of whom are now living: Mary L., now the wife of F. M. Hanson, state secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Des Moines, Iowa; Magdalene, the wife of R. F. Balthis, a member of the United States government forest service, now located at Alamogordo, New Mexico; Maud O., the wife of I. O. Schaub, head of the department of agronomy of the State Agricultural College at Raleigh, North Carolina; Laura D., who is now attending the conservatory of music of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois; and Bert L., a farmer of Collins township. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Balthis are both graduates of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, and Professor Schaub is a graduate of a college in Tennessee.

Mr. Kennedy gives his adherence to the republican party and has served for a number of years in various township offices. He is a true friend of education and was for fifteen years a member of the school board, being treasurer of the board for twelve years. Mrs. Kennedy is also greatly

interested in education. She is a lady of unusual intellectual qualifications and received her training at the Granville (Ohio) Female College. Mr. Kennedy is a member of Crescent Camp, No. 1358, M. W. A.; Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M.; and of the Order of the Eastern Star, his wife being also a member of the latter organization. He is not identified with any religious denomination, but Mrs. Kennedy is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. They have many friends in Story county and possess in an unusual degree the confidence and respect of all with whom they come in contact.

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### LON G. HARDIN.

Lon G. Hardin, editor of the Ames Times and well known as a representative of progressive journalism in Iowa, was born in Fairfield, Jefferson county, this state, on the 5th of December, 1861, his parents being Anderson G. and Sarah Jane (McConnell) Hardin, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in childhood days with their respective parents, were married in this state and now reside in Spencer, Clay county, where the father follows merchandising. Their family numbers four daughters and two sons.

Lon G. Hardin, the third in order of birth, resided at the place of his nativity until 1870, when the family removed to Spencer where he remained until 1884. He acquired his education in the public schools of the two towns and in 1880 began learning the printer's trade which he followed in Spencer until 1884, when he went to Plankinton, South Dakota, where he was employed at his trade for a year. He afterward engaged in the printing business in Webster City, Iowa, until 1892, when in the month of May he came to Ames and here established the Ames Times, which he has since published, being sole owner and manager of the paper which he has made one of the leading country journals of the state. Its editorials are interesting and indicate wide knowledge of the subject under discussion. Much attention is paid to the appearance of the paper, and its tasteful arrangement indicates a thorough understanding of the mechanical side of the art preservative. He well merits the liberal subscription and advertising patronage which is accorded him and which indicates the popularity of the paper in Ames and throughout the surrounding country.

On the 28th of June, 1885, Mr. Hardin was united in marriage to Miss Ella R. Eckley, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa, where she resided until her marriage. They now have one son, Max E., who was born December 22, 1889, and is now a junior in the Iowa State Agricultural College, pursuing a scientific course.

In his political views Mr. Hardin is a stalwart republican and advocate of the principles of the party through the columns of his paper. He



served as postmaster of the town under appointment of President McKinley and President Roosevelt, filling the office for nine years, or until the 13th of January, 1907. He is well known in Masonic circles as a member of the lodge and chapter at Ames, belongs also to Ames Lodge, No. 150, K. P., and to Boone Lodge, No. 503, B. P. O. E. A social, genial nature renders him popular, and it is well known that he is an ardent advocate of progress and improvement in public affairs, staunchly and aggressively advocating measures which he deems factors of general growth and development.

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### MICHEL HEGLAND.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the records of Story county without learning that the Hegland family has been prominently connected with the work of upbuilding and improvement here. For fifty-four years Michel Hegland of this review has resided where he now makes his home and he has witnessed the growth and development of the entire countryside and at all times has borne his part in the work of general improvement.

His birth occurred near Bergen, Norway, on the 13th of January, 1845, and he was therefore a lad of but twelve years when in 1857 he came to the United States with his parents, Ole and Betsy (Tungsvig) Hegland. The father was born in Norway in November, 1802, and the mother on the 5th of May, 1805. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade and followed it in his native country, but throughout the period of his residence in America his time and energies were devoted to agricultural pursuits. Two older brothers of Michel Hegland were the first of the family to come to the new world, having crossed the Atlantic in 1854, at which time they took up their abode in Illinois. Later they became familiar with conditions in Story county, Iowa, made their way to this district, secured the lumber and built a good frame house, which the family occupied on their arrival. It was in 1857 that the parents and the other children of the household made the long voyage across the briny deep and then overland to Iowa. The first settlers had come here only the summer before and the country was very new. Iowa City was the nearest town. They had no market and in fact they had nothing to sell and practically nothing with which to buy. The frame house which the two sons had erected was one of the best houses in the county at that time. In fact it was the largest building in Howard township in pioneer times and the only frame structure for a number of years. It was therefore used for church purposes. Mr. and Mrs. Hegland opening their home to the Lutheran congregation, which was soon organized among the early settlers. No improvements had been made upon the land when the family took possession but with

characteristic energy father and sons broke the prairie and planted crops. At first they raised only enough to supply the family needs. Everything used was made by hand upon the farm and the fare was principally cracked corn and pork. Within the boundaries of the farm were embraced one hundred and sixty acres of land and the soil, naturally rich and productive, responded readily to the efforts of the owners. The father continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until his later years. He reached the very advanced age of ninety-one and a half years, passing away in May, 1893, and his wife was also about ninety years of age at the time of her demise, which occurred in February, 1895.

Their family numbered seven children. Thor, the eldest, enlisted from Story county as a soldier of the Civil war and died in the service in Missouri. He and two others were the first Norwegians to enlist from this county. Lars is a retired farmer living in Roland. Inga is the wife of John Ritland, of Howard township, living about two and a half miles north of Roland. Ole O., who served in the Union army as a member of an Illinois regiment, is now a retired farmer living in Roland. Samuel O., who enlisted from Illinois with his brother, is likewise a resident of Roland. Ole, the second of the name, is a retired farmer of Roland.

The youngest member of the family is Michel Hegland, whose name introduces this review. He was a lad of twelve years when the family sailed for the new world and since that time he has continuously lived at the present place of his residence, which is now within the corporation limits. There was no town, however, at the time the family took up their abode here. Michel Hegland was formerly the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, a part of which has now been platted. He also added forty acres to his original holdings, becoming the owner of two hundred acres, but sold the farm to his son-in-law, T. C. Erickson. He retained about two acres and has erected thereon a fine residence, built in modern style of architecture and supplied with all comforts and conveniences. As a farmer he was enterprising, diligent and progressive, devoting many years of his life to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He did not confine his attention entirely to that business, however, for he became interested in commercial pursuits in Roland, being associated with his son Lewis in the hardware and implement business for a number of years. He ever displayed sound judgment in business affairs and keen discrimination, and the success which he has enjoyed has come to him as the merited reward of earnest labor.

On the 20th of August, 1870, Mr. Hegland was married to Miss Caroline Larson, who was born in Kendall county, Illinois, November 27, 1853, and was brought to Story county in 1856 by her parents, Rasmus and Margaret (Sheldahl) Larson, both of whom were natives of Norway, the former born in November, 1802, and the latter on the 20th of August, 1811. They came to the United States in 1845, settling first in Illinois, and on removing to Story county the father purchased a farm of two hundred

acres on the present site of Story City. There he and his wife continued to live until called to their final rest, Mr. Larson passing away in November, 1873, and his wife in January, 1901. While he owned a farm he did not personally engage in agricultural pursuits. He was a mechanic and while in Norway engaged in watch-making. After coming to the new world he followed carpentering, shoemaking, and the tinsmith's trade, and in fact could do anything in mechanical lines. He was a man of unswerving integrity and possessed sound judgment. People came for miles around to ask his advice, especially in matters concerning building or buying. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Lars, now deceased; Erick, who was a soldier of the Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war and is now living at Island, Minnesota; Randi, the widow of Holver R. Larson and a resident of Story City; Inger, who is the widow of Samuel Larson, a brother of her sister's husband and a resident of Los Angeles, California; Margaret, who is the widow of Jacob Jergenson and lives in Story City; Betsy, the deceased wife of the Rev. O. G. Jukam; and Mrs. Hegland.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hegland have been born twelve children: Betsy, now the deceased wife of T. C. Jacobson; Martin, who died in infancy; Margaret, the wife of T. S. Erickson, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; R. L., who was educated at Sioux Falls and is a graduate of a business college, his home being now in Sharon, North Dakota; Mary, the wife of M. O. Anderson; Henry T., who was educated at Sioux Falls and is now following farming a mile west of Roland; Martin N., who, after graduating from the high school at Roland and the Lutheran grammar school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, spent three years in school at Decorah, Iowa, as a teacher but is now in Twin Valley, Minnesota; Clara, a nurse in the general hospital at Des Moines; L. Roy, at home; and three who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Hegland has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has held some minor offices but has never cared much for political preferment. He belongs to the Bergen Lutheran church and his life is an exemplification of his Christian faith and belief. His history is in many respects a most interesting one, for few residents of Roland and this part of the county have been more closely associated with the pioneer development and subsequent prosperity of the district. People today can scarcely realize the hardships and privations which were borne by the early settlers. Mr. Hegland was twenty-three years of age before he possessed an overcoat, and many comforts which the present generation regard as necessities were at that date unknown. It was with difficulty, too, that the farm work was carried on, for the machinery was very crude as compared to that in use at the present time. Much of the work of the fields was done by hand and the farmer worked from daybreak until dark. Mr. Hegland is still the owner of one hundred and sixty three acres of land a mile west of Roland,

which he operated in connection with the cultivation of his two-hundred-acre farm that he sold to his son-in-law. At one time he was the owner of land in Minnesota, Missouri, and North Dakota, in addition to his Iowa property, but has disposed of his holdings to his children and is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He has a beautiful home in Roland, where he is surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, and because of his upright course in business affairs and his unfaltering energy his fellow townsmen rejoice in what he has accomplished and feel that his prosperity has been most worthily won.

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#### EDGAR A. FAWCETT.

Edgar A. Fawcett, who through the greater part of his business life has been identified with banking and is now cashier of the First National Bank of Nevada, was born on a farm about four and a half miles south of Colo, December 26, 1871. His parents were Sylvanus S. and Hannah S. (Gifford) Fawcett, natives of Ohio and Maine, respectively. In his childhood days the father accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Wisconsin, where he was reared. He went to California during the first gold excitement in that state, spending six or eight years upon the Pacific coast, after which he returned by way of the Panama route and New York city. He continued a resident of Wisconsin until about 1866, when he drove across the country to Story county, Iowa, settling in New Albany township, where he resided until 1892, when he retired from business life and took up his abode in California. There his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in May, 1908. He had devoted his entire life to farming with the exception of the period spent in mining in the far west, and was the owner of a valuable property of two hundred and eighty acres. His widow still survives and is now a resident of Los Angeles, California. In their family were three children: Alfred J., a resident of Maxwell, Iowa; Edgar A.; and Jennie E., who is living with her mother.

Edgar A. Fawcett was born on the old farm homestead and there resided until his father left the farm. He supplemented his public-school education by a business course in Western College at Toledo, Iowa, after which he joined his parents in California and was there engaged in raising oranges and lemons for six years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Iowa, settling at Collins, where he entered the Exchange State Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper, the institution being then known as Hanson's Private Bank. On the 1st of January, 1900, Mr. Fawcett was appointed deputy county treasurer, which position he filled for four years, covering two terms. He was twice elected county treasurer, filling the office for five years. He became connected with the First National Bank of Nevada on the 1st of January, 1909, as assistant cashier and was elected



cashier on the 1st of August, the same year, so that he is filling that position at the present time. He has had liberal experience in connection with financial interests and is well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties which devolve upon him.

On the 19th of December, 1900, Mr. Fawcett was united in marriage to Naomi Thorne, a native of Kansas and a daughter of William B. and Josephine Thorne who are residents of California. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett have become the parents of four children: Naomi L., Harold T., Ruth and Josephine.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active part in its work, Mr. Fawcett serving for some time as Sunday school superintendent. He is also a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with the lodge and chapter at Nevada, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodman camp. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his cooperation is a supporting element in every measure and movement which tends to promote the public good. As a business man he is enterprising and energetic, and his close application and progressive spirit promise well for his success in the future and also are factors in the present success of the bank.

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#### WILLIAM LOCKRIDGE.

In an enumeration of the men whose records have been a credit and honor to the city of Nevada it is imperative that mention be made of William Lockridge, who for many years was actively associated with the business interests of the city and county and also with municipal affairs as a public official. Perseverance and industry at length brought him success that enabled him to spend the evening of life in quiet retirement. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort, ending in the grateful rest of night, so was the life of William Lockridge. He was born in Augusta county, Virginia, June 23, 1832, a son of John and Eliza (Irvin) Lockridge, who spent their entire lives upon a farm in the Old Dominion. They had a family of four sons and three daughters but only one is now living, Dr. John E. Lockridge, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana.

William Lockridge spent his boyhood and youth in his native state and was in his twenty-fourth year when, in the spring of 1856, he came to Story county, Iowa. Here he located a land warrant that his father had given him, the father having received the same for his services in the war of 1812. Our subject secured employment in the old courthouse which then stood upon the site of the present home of Mrs. Lockridge. For several years he filled the position of deputy recorder, after which he was elected





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to the position of recorder and treasurer, the two offices being combined at that time. He was a supporter of the democratic party and upon its ticket he was chosen to office. About 1863 he removed to his farm which he had secured through his father's land warrant and which was located a mile south of the courthouse. The tract comprised one hundred and sixty acres, to the development and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for nine years, working a marked transformation in its appearance. By reason of the improvements he placed upon it he sold to good advantage and then purchased a lumberyard in Nevada, which he conducted for twenty-six years. Throughout that period he ranked as one of the leading business men of the city, his progressive spirit and his enterprise enabling him to build up a business of satisfactory proportions that returned to him gratifying annual income and eventually enabled him to live retired. After conducting his lumberyard for more than a quarter of a century he sold out and put aside all business cares save the supervision of his investments. He was considered one of the most substantial business men of the town and built the first tile factory there. His progressiveness was tempered by a safe conservatism and his judgment was sound and reliable so that his advice was frequently sought by others concerning the advisability of business propositions. From time to time he made purchases of land and became the owner of about three hundred acres of valuable farm property near the fair grounds. He had another farm south of Nevada and six hundred and forty acres in Kossuth county, Iowa. He became known as a prominent representative of financial interests here, being president of the First National Bank for a number of years but resigning in his later life.

On the 19th of January, 1860, Mr. Lockridge was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Letson, who was born in Hardin county, Ohio, January 15, 1841, and there resided to the age of seventeen years when she came to Nevada with her parents, Christian Bemper and Jane (Huston) Letson, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Ohio. Both died, however, in Nevada, Iowa, the former at the age of fifty-eight years and the latter at the advanced age of eighty-three. Mr. Letson prospered in his undertakings and became the owner of three farms in Story county. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Della, the wife of John Waldron, of Nevada; Mrs. Lockridge; Warren, who is living in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Helen, the wife of S. F. Balliett, of Des Moines; Rachel, the wife of Clarence Miller, of Cedar Rapids; and Levina, the wife of W. P. Zwill- ing, of Nevada.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lockridge was blessed with eight children: Elfa, who is the wife of T. P. Worsley and lives with her widowed mother; Jennie, who became the wife of Frank Warrick and died in 1903; Etta, the wife of L. A. Will, of Salina, Kansas; Frank, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Levina, the wife of J. E. Drybread, of Nevada; Maggie, who died at the age of two years; Clarence, who died

at the age of sixteen years; and Anna Fay, the wife of Emmitt Armstrong, of Nevada.

While Mr. Lockridge conducted important business interests and displayed an aptitude for successful management in their control, he did not selfishly concentrate his energies upon business affairs to the exclusion of all other interests in life. He was a public spirited citizen and his cooperation could be counted upon to further many measures and movements for the general good. He served both as a member of the city council and as mayor of Nevada and exercised his official prerogatives in support of all projects which he deemed of benefit to the city at large. As chief executive his administration was business-like and resulted in the adoption of various measures of reform and progress. At one time he was a member of the Masonic fraternity and he always exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, being ever ready to extend a helping hand where assistance was needed. He died July 23, 1903, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. Nevada had long claimed him as one of her prominent citizens and the basic principles of his life were such as won him the regard, confidence and honor of all with whom he came in contact.

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### SOREN V. KALSEM.

In the list of Columbia's adopted children who put on the blue and fought for the stars and stripes in the south during those momentous days of the early '60s must be placed the name of Soren V. Kalsem. He was born in Norway on the 14th of August, 1830, in which country his boyhood and youth were passed. He acquired his preliminary education in the schools of his village and after completing the course of study he entered a more advanced school and remained there until he felt competent to apprentice himself to a trade. He chose cabinet-making for his life work and has continued to follow that trade during his residence in the United States. In 1858 he opened the first cabinet-maker's shop in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He was one of the first to respond to the call for volunteers and in 1861 enlisted in Company C, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He spent about three years in the army, much of which time he was actively engaged at the front. He took part in many of the notable battles of the war, being at Shiloh and Fort Donelson and the closely contested engagement at Belmont. He was wounded three times and yet bears the scars of some of those strifes. He now keeps in touch with his old comrades through his membership in Ellsworth Post, No. 30, of the G. A. R.

Mr. Kalsem was united in marriage to Miss Sarena Strom, and they have become the parents of the following children: Sarah, the wife of Irvan Wettland; Goodman, who resides in Marshalltown, Iowa; Fulton;

Berth, who married Rinert Pierson and lives in Union township; Phillip, at home; Silas, a railroad man living at Woodbine, Iowa; and Albert and Cora, both at home.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the parents hold membership. Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship Mr. Kalsem has cast his vote with the republican party, its principles best conforming to his conception of the highest form of government. He has never aspired to political honors or public office but meets the requirements of good citizenship by casting his ballot on election day. He is one of the pioneer citizens of Story county and has watched the growth and development of the country from the days when Ames contained but a few frame dwellings and the country was largely wild prairie. He tells many entertaining reminiscences of the hardships and privations of the early days which can hardly be credited by the present generation. He was for some years the president of the Grange and Farmers Alliance. Mr. Kalsem owns his own home, which is located on one of the older streets of the town, and is highly regarded in the community.

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#### WALTER HENRY THOMPSON.

The career of Walter Henry Thompson, cashier and manager of the Bank of Collins, is a record of worthy ambition under direction of sound and intelligent judgment. The responsible place he holds is the result of executive force and clear discrimination and it also calls for successful management and business talents of a high order, with all of which qualities he is fortunately endowed. He was born in Jasper county, Iowa, November 3, 1866, son of John and Ann E. (Angelo) Thompson, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Thompson received his early education in the district schools and not being especially attracted to agricultural pursuits, became associated with his father at nineteen years of age in the grocery business at Collins, having the management of the business. Four years later a stock of dry goods was added, making the concern one of the important mercantile establishments of that part of the county. It was conducted under the title of Thompson & Son until 1891, when the junior partner came into possession of the entire business and the title was changed to W. H. Thompson, so continuing until 1896, when the business was disposed of. In 1895 Mr. Thompson and his father organized the Bank of Collins, of which they were sole owners, the subject of this review being cashier and manager. He has devoted his entire attention to the banking business since 1896 with most gratifying results, the institution being now recognized as one of the flourishing financial concerns of the county.



In 1887 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Luna Crabb, a daughter of Vincent and Hester (Wells) Crabb, who came to Story county from Indiana about 1880. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson has been brightened by the birth of two children: Forest G., now the wife of Hugh Graef, of Riceville, Iowa; and John B., now attending the Collins high school.

Mr. Thompson gives his support to the democratic party, and although his attention has been mainly devoted to his business affairs, he has served most acceptably for two terms as mayor of Collins and also for a number of years as town treasurer. He is connected with Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M.; Amity Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F.; and Crescent Camp, No. 2358, M. W. A. He and his estimable wife are also members of Collins Chapter, No. 134, O. E. S.

Owing to habits of industry and able business judgment, Mr. Thompson has been successful financially and has acquired a comfortable competence. Possessing natural ability and discernment, and having had extensive practical experience with men and affairs, he is well qualified for the position of responsibility which he occupies and has attained a well established position as one of the thoroughly capable and progressive men of Iowa.

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#### ANNA C. RINGGENBERG.

Anna C. Ringgenberg is a native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Gerhardt and Minnie (Carstans) Bierhaus, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States with their parents when they were children. The father was a contractor by trade and followed that business during the greater part of his life. During his last years, however, he lived retired on a farm. He was a member of the Reformed church, being identified with that denomination up to the time of his demise in 1897. Mrs. Bierhaus is still living and makes her home in Campbell county, Nebraska. Ten children were born to them, eight of whom survived, Mrs. Ringgenberg being the oldest of those living. Mr. Bierhaus was an estimable citizen, his high standards of life and loyalty to the principles of his adopted country making him a credit to any community where he lived.

In 1883 Miss Anna C. Bierhaus gave her hand in marriage to Henry Adolph Ringgenberg, a native of Switzerland and a son of Peter and Anna Ringgenberg. By this union there were born three children, as follows: Franklin, who died at the age of five years; and Calvin and Carl, at home. Mr. Ringgenberg was a native of the Buckeye state, born in Holmes county, where he lived until he had reached the age of nine years, at which time he migrated with his parents to Polk county, Iowa. He resided in the latter

place until 1900, when he removed to Jamaica, Iowa, but after residing there for three years he decided to become a resident of Story county and so located in Ames in 1903, where he continued to live up to the time of his death in 1909, at the age of fifty-one years. He left a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Boone county and one hundred and fifty-five acres in Story county.

Mr. Ringgenberg united with the Methodist Episcopal church nine years before his death and continued to hold membership in that denomination at the time of his demise. He was an ever ready and stanch defender of the principles of temperance and therefore always cast his vote for the candidates of the prohibition party, feeling that its policy is best adapted to improve and strengthen the moral status of the nation. He was a man of sound principles, high standards of citizenship and incorruptible integrity and upon these he founded his life as well as his business. He was born and reared on a farm and followed agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active labor nine years before his death. He was a successful man and left his family a competence which assures Mrs. Ringgenberg of always having sufficient to provide her with all of the necessities and some of the luxuries of life.

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#### WINFIELD SCOTT SMITH.

The Buckeye state has contributed many stalwart sons who have assisted in the upbuilding of Iowa and among them may be named Winfield S. Smith, well known in Story county as one of its most energetic and progressive citizens. He was born at Mount Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, October 26, 1850, a son of Aaron and Sarah (Paddock) Smith. The father was born in Franklin county, Ohio, and came of Dutch ancestry, the early members of the family in America arriving during the colonial period. The great-grandfather on the paternal side served in the Revolutionary war from New Jersey. The Smiths came to Ohio about 1810 and entered land in Franklin county, having the opportunity at that time, had they so desired, to take up the tract now occupied by the capitol building. Aaron Smith began his business career as a farmer but later learned the iron molder's trade and subsequently maintained a foundry at different times at Mount Vernon, Westerville and Marion, Ohio, also manufacturing plows, corn shellers and iron for railroad uses at the last named place. While at Westerville he enlisted in the Civil war in the spring of 1864 as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the conflict. He was one of a family of eight brothers, all of whom were valiant soldiers for the cause of the Union. Two of the brothers were wounded in battle and one of them was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh. Seven of the brothers returned

home, one having given up his life on the field of battle. In the fall of 1868 Aaron Smith came to Story county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Milford township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He died in 1885 at the age of sixty-seven years, having been born on the 8th of March, 1818. While in Ohio he was an active member of the United Brethren church. He was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also with the Grand Army of the Republic. Originally he was an old line whig but after the organization of the republican party he gave to it his earnest support. The mother of our subject was born in New Jersey on the 13th of September, 1823, and traced her ancestry to Holland. Her grandfather Paddock served in a New Jersey regiment at the time of the Revolutionary war. He and his brother were taken prisoners by the British but they made their escape after a short confinement and reached the Continental army in safety. Mrs. Smith was a woman of many excellent qualities and a consistent member of the United Brethren church. She was the mother of five children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The other members of the family were: Levi H., now living at Central Point, Oregon; Winfield Scott, our subject; Eugene, a successful fruit and vegetable grower of Franklin township, Story county; and Daniel P., now engaged in fruit growing in the Hood river district of Oregon.

Winfield S. Smith removed with his parents to Lee county, Illinois, and in 1868 to Story county, Iowa. As he grew up he assisted his father upon the home farm and attended the district school in winter. In the spring of 1876 he went to Kansas and preempted a timber claim upon which he located, expecting to make it his permanent home. The first two seasons were prosperous, but during the next two years a drought prevailed over that portion of the state and in 1880 Mr. Smith returned to Milford township, Story county, fully convinced that conditions were much more favorable here than in certain parts of the Sunflower state. He purchased land, which he cultivated diligently and with very satisfactory results until 1896, when he took up his residence in Nevada. He has since devoted his attention largely to the general oversight of his farm and to the real-estate and insurance business.

On March 3, 1878, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Laura H. Huckel, who was born in Black Hawk county, Iowa, June 23, 1860, and is a daughter of Joseph and Lizzie (Roberts) Huckel. The parents came to Iowa from Pennsylvania about 1850 and located in Black Hawk county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith five children have been born: Aaron L., now a railroad engineer of Sioux City, Iowa; Harry W., who is connected with the railroad business at Kansas City, Missouri; Lulu L., who married John Shirk, an expert creamery man, of San Luis Obispo, California, and is the mother of two children; Edna R., a teacher in the public schools of Nevada; and Laura V., now acting as bookkeeper in the Journal office at Nevada.

Mr. Smith is not a member of any religious denomination but his wife and daughters are connected with the Lutheran church. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a supporter of the republican party. He served for a number of years as a member of the city council and in 1906 was elected justice of the peace and is now entering upon his third term in that office. In the discharge of his various duties, both public and private, he has displayed a fairness and ability that have met the approval of the entire community and today no man stands higher in the respect of the people of Nevada than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

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### J. A. CAMPBELL.

In the enterprising city of Ames J. A. Campbell occupies a leading position in business circles, being proprietor of a coal and feed yard. Whatever success he has achieved in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He was born in Milford township, July 25, 1858, a son of James and Anna (Eccles) Campbell, both of whom were natives of northern Ireland. The father, who was born February 23, 1808, came alone to America when eighteen years of age, landing at New York, where he resided until his removal to the middle west in August, 1855, at which time he took up his abode in Milford township, Story county, Iowa. This was then largely an unimproved and unsettled district and he entered eighty acres from the government on the southeast quarter of section 27. There he spent his remaining days, having the usual experiences of frontier life and meeting with the usual difficulties in transforming wild prairie into productive fields. The journey westward had been made by railroad to Iowa City, which was then the terminus of the line, and from that point by team. He continued a worthy and valued resident of the county until his death, which occurred February 3, 1881. His wife, who was born in northern Ireland, June 13, 1825, sailed for New York with her brother and was married in that city. She died at the home of her daughter in Marshalltown, Iowa, at the age of seventy-three years. The father had been previously married. After first coming to the United States he returned to his native land, was there married and brought his bride to the new world, but her death occurred in New York city, where he afterward wedded Anna Eccles. There were two children by his first marriage: Robert J., of Hollenberg, Kansas; and Mrs. Martha Cressler, living at Berkeley, California. The children of the second marriage are: William J., who died near Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Bell, who is the wife of W. W. Gossard and resides at Colorado Springs, Colorado; Charles E., who is living upon the old home place which his father entered from the government; and Sadie, the wife of M. W. Gossard, of Marshalltown, Iowa.



The other child of the father's second marriage is J. A. Campbell of this review, who resided upon the old home place with his parents until he had attained his majority, pursuing his education in the common schools. At eighteen years of age he began teaching in the district schools and followed that profession for three years. He began farming on his own account in Milford township, where he resided until about fourteen years ago, when he came to Ames. Here he turned his attention to the real-estate business, which he followed until the spring of 1910, when he sold out and formed a partnership with C. R. Holdredge under the firm style of Holdredge & Campbell for the conduct of a coal and feed business. This partnership continued until January, 1911, since which time Mr. Campbell has conducted the business alone. In this he has met with success and he now has an extensive patronage, which he well merits because his business methods are at all times honorable and reliable.

On the 9th of September, 1880, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Ada Hall, who was born in Lafayette township, Story county, February 16, 1856, and is a daughter of Alba O. and Mary (Spaulding) Hall, the father a native of Maine and the mother of Vermont. They became pioneer residents of Story county and spent their remaining days within its borders, both passing away in Ames. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have been born four children: Fae; Claud V., who is editor and publisher of the Jewell Record of Jewell, Iowa; Mabel V., who is head of the domestic science department of the Illinois Wesleyan University; and Floy B., who is in the First National Bank at Canon City, Colorado, and was formerly assistant cashier of the Ames Savings Bank. The youngest child is a graduate of the high school of Ames and Claud and Mabel are graduates of the Iowa State College. Mr. Campbell owns a good residence at No. 916 Dayton avenue.

He holds membership with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been an active, busy and useful one and he has made a creditable record, which has gained for him the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### NOBLE PORTER HALL.

Noble Porter Hall, one of the well known retired farmers of Story county, was born in Ross county, Ohio, on the 25th of December, 1831. He is the son of Thomas and Eliza (Rosenbarger) Hall, both natives of Virginia, who removed to Ross county as children with their respective parents and there they were reared and married. In 1830 they located in Kosciusko county, Indiana, remaining there until the fall of 1854, when they again started westward, this time locating in Story county, Iowa. The







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MRS. NOBLE P. HALL



journey across the prairies to Iowa was made in company with the family of Jacob Greider. Four wagons with two teams of horses and two yoke of oxen were required to transport the various members of the party and their household effects. The journey was made in comparative ease and without incident of any moment until they had reached Iowa City but very shortly thereafter cholera broke out among the party and one of their members died and was laid to rest nine miles this side of Marengo. They continued their journey, however, until within two miles of Grinnell, when they were compelled to go into camp for about three weeks and when they resumed their march they left behind them in the little cemetery Amos Hall, brother of our subject, and Mary Greider. During this time the care of the horses and stock devolved upon Mr. Hall and Thomas Edgars, a boy of the party, and they were indeed busy as well as sad days. Arriving in Story county they located in Indian Creek township, one mile northeast of Maxwell, where Thomas Hall bought two hundred acres of unimproved land, which he immediately began to cultivate. Here on the 22d of February, 1879, he passed away at the age of sixty-nine years, having been born on the 29th of May, 1810. Mrs. Hall survived him for four years and on the 27th day of January, 1883, she died, having passed the seventy-second milestone in the cycle of life, being born on the 11th of January, 1811. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom survive, four of them being over seventy years of age. The surviving children are as follows: Mary Jane, the widow of Augustus Berlin, of Ottawa, Kansas; John R., of Maxwell, Iowa; James H., of Maxwell; William C., of Golden Prairie, Wyoming; Thomas, of Bagley, Iowa; and our subject.

Mr. Hall was reared at home and living in the country in pioneer days his educational advantages were very limited; his schooling being confined to the brief sessions of the district school, which were held in a log building with puncheon floor and slab benches.

He left the parental roof at the age of nineteen years in order to establish a home for himself, having been united in marriage on the 29th of November, 1855, to Miss Margaret Felkner, of Kosciusko county, Indiana. For fifteen years he farmed as a renter but in 1862 he removed to Indiana, locating on the farm of his uncle in Kosciusko county, where he remained until the fall of 1868. He then returned to Story county and purchased eighty acres of land on section 23, Indian Creek township, on which he located in 1871. Later he added to his holdings, forty acres at one time and ten at another, until his farm contained one hundred and thirty acres. The land was unimproved when he bought it but in 1871 he erected a house on it and added other improvements until at the time of his retirement, twenty years later, it was one of the best farms in that section. In 1891 Mr. and Mrs. Hall removed to Maxwell, where they still reside, and the following year they sold the farm to their son-in-law, Charles Porter.

Five children were born to them. Nancy E. is the wife of Charles Porter, of Indian Creek township, Rosetta is the wife of Samuel Miller, of



Maxwell, Amy C. is the wife of H. J. Garlock, a banker of Maxwell. Mrs. Garlock is a graduate of the Maxwell high school and also took a normal course at Nevada, Iowa. Lulu is the wife of Charles Woods, of Waterloo, Iowa, who was educated at a young ladies seminary at Lebanon, Tennessee. Mildred, the wife of George H. Hay, a farmer in Polk county, Iowa, was educated at the Cumberland Presbyterian College at Lincoln, Illinois. All of their daughters were teachers in the public school prior to their marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hall is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted on the 17th of February, 1865, in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was assigned to both garrison and detached duty during his service, which was terminated by discharge granted on the 30th of August, 1865. He holds membership in the James Ewing Post, G. A. R. He votes the democratic ticket, feeling that the basic principles of that party are best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. He is one of the highly esteemed and respected men of this district, where more than forty years residence has proven him well worthy of such regard.

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### ELIAS W. SHEARER.

The Civil war was a great school out of which came many of the noblest characters the republic has known. Thousands of young men gained their first lessons in the realities of life in the tremendous conflict and lived to put into practical application the principles of courage, self-denial and persistence learned while faithfully serving in the army. Of this number is Elias W. Shearer, now postmaster of Collins.

He was born in Marion county, Indiana, January 3, 1844, a son of Michael and Catherine (McCord) Shearer, the former of whom was a native of Maryland and the latter probably of Ohio. The father was first married in Pennsylvania and subsequently removed to Indiana, where his wife died. He subsequently married Miss Catherine McCord. In 1847 he removed to Wapello county, Iowa, locating near Ottumwa, where he entered government land, which he was industriously developing when he met his death in an accident while trying to corral a cow. The animal jumped on a pole which was resting on one of his shoulders and he was crushed under the weight, leaving a widow with six children, all of whom were sons. Mrs. Shearer bravely assumed the responsibility and reared the sons to manhood. Later she married Andrew Shearer, a brother of her first husband. This faithful wife and mother passed away in June, 1876.

Elias W. Shearer was reared as a boy upon the home farm and at the early age of fourteen years began to work for wages among the farmers of

the neighborhood. On the 10th of March, 1862, being then eighteen years of age, he enlisted in Company E, Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, and was soon sent to the front, participating in many of the great battles and campaigns of the war. He was present at the battles of Iuka and Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg and the battles in the neighborhood of that city, being sent after the surrender of Vicksburg to east Tennessee, where he participated in the battle of Missionary Ridge. The regiment was then ordered to assist in the relief of Knoxville and later took part in the Atlanta campaign. Mr. Shearer was never in camp from March 1, 1863, until January 1, 1864, being almost constantly upon the move. At eleven o'clock at night in October, 1864, the regiment was sent to guard a bridge at Tilton, Hood's army being then in motion in that immediate vicinity. About daybreak the pickets began firing and part of the regiment was thrown forward to guard the picket post, the subject of this review being one of the number. By nine o'clock they were completely surrounded but continued to fight until their ammunition was exhausted and at four o'clock in the afternoon surrendered to General Stewart, commanding one of the corps of Hood's army. After being deprived of their arms the men were marched to Cahaba, Alabama, and after a short stop were sent to Andersonville prison, in which the subject of this review was incarcerated for six and one-half months. On the day of his capture he had nothing to eat and for three days afterward the only rations received by the men of the regiment was one ear of raw corn. In Andersonville he underwent great suffering but he survived the awful ordeal and after the surrender of General Lee was paroled April 28, 1865, at Lake City, Florida. He and his companions marched to Jacksonville, that state, and from that place returned home, being discharged at Davenport, June 1, 1865.

Mr. Shearer spent the remainder of the summer recuperating with his mother in Wapello county. As his education had been interfered with by the war, he attended school for three winters, working at various occupations during the summer months, and in 1868 came to Story county, locating soon afterward upon eighty acres in Collins township for which he had traded. Subsequently he purchased forty acres adjoining, upon which there was a farm residence, and here he lived until his removal to Collins in 1906. He became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres, forty acres of which he sold. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Kossuth county, Iowa. Since October 15, 1908, he has filled the office of postmaster at Collins.

In 1869 Mr. Shearer was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Shenkle, of Collins township, a daughter of Benjamin Shenkle, who located in that township in 1854 and was one of its most valued citizens. The following children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Shearer, namely: Anna Alice, now deceased, who married E. B. Weese and became the mother of one child, Florence, who was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Shearer and is now assistant postmaster of Collins; Jennie, the wife of Elmer Bence, of Collins

township; Charles P., of Cumberland, Iowa; George N., of Tama, this state; John L., of Kanawha, Iowa; and Edith May, now the wife of Bradford Stevens, who is in charge of the old homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Shearer.

Mr. Shearer has ever since arriving at voting age given his support to the republican party and has served in a number of township offices, including those of trustee, assessor and township clerk. He has discharged the duties of postmaster in a way that meets with the general approval of the people. Being of a genial disposition, his friends may truly be said to include every man, woman and child of the community. He is a member of James Ewing Post, G. A. R., of Maxwell, and he and his wife are supporters of the United Brethren church, by their example demonstrating the sincerity of their faith as followers of the great Master.

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### WILLIAM MARION GAMBLE.

The Gamble homestead is one of the best known places in Story county. It originally comprised a large portion of section 28, Indian Creek township, but it has recently been divided into two farms. It was here on the 25th of February, 1875, that William Marion Gamble, the son of John D. and Elizabeth (Mullen) Gamble, was born. The father was from Tennessee, in which state he was born on the 7th of May, 1830, but when he was seven years of age his parents removed to Indiana, and it was there he met and married Elizabeth Mullen, who was born in Indiana on the 8th of June, 1835. They migrated to Iowa in 1850, locating in Story county, where they procured, direct from the government, a portion of the present home farm. Mr. Gamble was the type of man who makes perseverance spell success. By his own energy, unflinching purpose and firm determination he became one of the men of affluence in this section of the state. He broke the prairie, cleared away the forest and brought to a high state of cultivation every acre of his farm. His was no easy task, for farming implements of those days were crude indeed compared to those of the present; then, too, much of the work performed by machines now at that time was done by hand and days were consumed in the performance of a task which now requires hours. Nevertheless, he steadily persevered until he had acquired six hundred acres of as good farming land as can be procured in the state. Mr. Gamble never retired but continued to cultivate his farm up to the time of his death on the 27th of June, 1893.

His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and his party fealty rewarded by his fellow citizens bestowing upon him various township offices, in each and all of which he most faithfully discharged his duties to the universal satisfaction of the community. Mrs. Gamble sur-

vived her husband for thirteen years and on the 6th of January, 1906, she, too, passed away. Both were members of the Presbyterian church.

The boyhood and youth of William Marion Gamble was very similar to that of the average young man reared on the farm. His education was obtained in the common schools. The task of the schoolroom and the work of the farm were relieved by the healthy sports and diversions enjoyed by young people. He was only eighteen years of age when his father died and thus the duties and responsibilities of manhood early devolved upon him, as he and his brother, Charles S. Gamble, operated the farm together. This cooperative plan of work was followed for nine years, then in June, 1902, Charles was married and the November following the brothers decided to divide the farm and work independently. William remained upon the home place and Charles removed to the farm where he now resides, which was a portion of the homestead. Our subject's farm contains two hundred and fifty acres of well tilled land, improved by modern buildings, which are at all times kept in excellent repair.

On the 19th of November, 1902, Mr. Gamble was united in marriage to Rosa Ray, a daughter of John and Mary (McCord) Ray, of Maxwell. They are both members of the Presbyterian church. Ever since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage Mr. Gamble has cast his ballot for the democratic candidates, and although he has never sought political favor he nevertheless takes a keen interest in all political issues. Fraternally he is identified with the Yeomen of America. He is one of the well known and highly esteemed young men of Indian Creek township, and both he and his wife are very popular in both church and social circles in the community where they live.

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#### HERMAN KNAPP.

Herman Knapp, treasurer and registrar of the Iowa State College at Ames, was born at Poultney, Rutland county, Vermont, December 28, 1863. He is the son of the late Dr. Seaman A. Knapp and Maria Hotchkiss Knapp, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. The Knapps trace to the family of Josiah Knapp, who came as a colonist to Massachusetts in 1644.

The subject of this sketch came with his parents to Vinton, Iowa, in 1866, where his father lived for a time on a farm and later served as principal of the Iowa College for the Blind. In 1879 his father having been elected to the professorship of agriculture in the Iowa State College, he entered upon his college course, graduating with honors in 1883. He became at once deputy treasurer of the college and the following year was elected assistant professor of agriculture. He had full charge of the department during 1886. In 1887, upon the death of General James L.



Geddes, he became treasurer and registrar of the college, which position he now occupies.

The mere enumeration of the duties which have fallen upon his shoulders during these years shows how intimately he has been identified with the college in its every interest. Outside of college circles he is recognized as a leading citizen, having been honored by many positions of trust in city affairs, at present as a member of the library board. He is adjutant general of the First Brigade of the Iowa National Guard with the rank of major. He has also been honored with the state presidency of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In 1885 Professor Knapp was married to Miss Mary W. McDonald, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, who was also a graduate of the State College in the class of 1883. They have a beautiful home upon the campus of the college and have a happy family of four children, namely: Seaman A., of the class of 1909, now connected with the Valley National Bank of Des Moines, Iowa; Marian Hermine, Jeanette Margaret and Byron McDonald, the last three being students of the college or the Ames schools.

The "Bomb" of 1907 was dedicated to Professor Knapp in the following appropriate words: "To Herman Knapp, a common, big-hearted, lovable man, who dis-regarding fame and fortune, and place and power, has given the richest years of his unselfish life in loving labor to the upbuilding and advancing of our alma mater, we as a token of our esteem and admiration dedicate this volume." The Class of 1907.

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### JOSEPH C. SAWTELL.

Although seventy-four years of age Joseph C. Sawtell, a well known and prosperous farmer of New Albany township, still continues to take an active interest in business affairs. He has been a resident of the township for more than forty years and is honored as one of its most valued citizens. Born in Lapeer county, Michigan, April 14, 1837, he is the son of Levi and Mary Ann (Canfield) Sawtell, the former born near the Kennebec river in Maine, January 21, 1810, and the latter in the same state in 1815. The mother was of German descent and removed to Michigan in 1830. The father, who was a carpenter and builder by trade, removed from Michigan to La Harpe, a small town near Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1844. The troubles with the Mormons soon created intense excitement throughout that part of the state. Joseph Smith, the Mormon leader, was killed June 27, 1844, while attempting to escape from jail, and soon afterward on account of the disturbed condition of the community Mr. Sawtell returned to Lapeer county, Michigan, where he resumed work at his trade. He passed away in 1887. He was twice married, his second wife being Amanda M. Tripp, a daughter of S. Tripp, of Lapeer county.



Joseph C. Sawtell received his education in the common schools of Michigan and continued with his father until 1857. At twenty years of age he left his native state, removing to Warren county, Illinois, where he worked upon a farm and became thoroughly acquainted with the business to which he has devoted many years of his life. In 1862, in response to the call of his country for soldiers, he enlisted for three years in Company F, Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He served under General Thomas, participating on the 3d of February, 1863, in the second battle of Fort Donelson, and later he did scout duty. He was a good soldier and was many times exposed to great danger but came through the conflict unscathed. He received his honorable discharge in the fall of 1865, after serving for three years and two months. Upon being mustered out he returned to Warren county, Illinois, where he continued for three years, and then removed to New Albany township, Story county, Iowa, where he permanently located. As the years passed he became one of the successful farmers of the locality, acquiring a valuable place, upon which he is now living retired, devoting his attention to the Story County Farmers Insurance Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He is also agent for several other companies.

On the 12th of April, 1866, in Warren county, Illinois, Mr. Sawtell was united in marriage to Mrs. Louisa (McMillian) Edgington, a daughter of John and Harriett (Glaze) McMillian. Four children came to bless this union. Florence V., who was born July 12, 1867, was educated in the common schools and at the Chautauqua School of Nursing at Jamestown, New York, being a graduate of the latter institution. She is now keeping house for her father. William A., born September 20, 1869, was married June 3, 1897, to Catherine Gallantine, of Milburn, Iowa, and is now engaged in the real-estate business at that place, being also postmaster of the town. Charles H., born November 11, 1872, was married November 11, 1893, on the birthday of himself and wife, to Miss Mary Morgan, of Colo., a daughter of William and Mary (Fox) Morgan. He is now in charge of the family homestead. Joseph A., born April 11, 1875, married Hazel Ritter, of Denver, Colorado, and is now a successful commission man of Denver. The mother of these children was called from earthly scenes April 12, 1875, her death being the greatest sorrow Mr. Sawtell has ever known.

Mr. Sawtell supports the republican party but he is liberal in his political views, often voting for a candidate at local elections irrespective of party affiliations. He has not sought the emoluments of office but has served with recognized ability as justice of the peace of his township and also as a member of the school board. He is a valued member of the United Brethren church of Dalton Corners and is also identified with Lodge No. 238, G. A. R., of Colo. As an old soldier Mr. Sawtell deserves the gratitude of a generation now enjoying the fruits of a war which cost a vast

outlay of money and human life. In the great Rebellion he learned the lessons of self-denial and perseverance which he has applied in every day affairs, attracting many friends who recognized in him those attributes which make the true gentleman and loyal citizen.

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#### IRWIN CLAYTON WHITNEY.

Irwin Clayton Whitney had been a resident of Story county but two years at the time of his demise but the period was sufficiently long for him to prove himself to be a man of high principles and sterling worth. He was a native of the Buckeye state, having been born in Lorain county on the 17th of June, 1805, his parents being Eli H. and Mary E. (Hale) Whitney. He was but five years of age when his people migrated to Iowa, settling in Jasper county, where they lived for a time, and then went to Humboldt county and after remaining there for a short time they returned to Jasper county and settled on a farm near Mingo. The latter place continued to be their home until 1880, when they removed to Saybrook, Illinois, where Mr. Whitney passed away on the 20th of May, 1891, and very soon thereafter the widow with her family located in Maxwell, this county. On the 13th of February, 1894, Mrs. Whitney was married to R. R. Thompson, whose death occurred on the 24th of the following June. When a girl of fourteen years Mrs. Thompson was converted and united with the Baptist church, but as there was no church of that denomination in Maxwell she joined the Methodist Episcopal church. She was always an ardent Christian and an active worker in the church. Her death occurred on the 14th of December, 1909.

Irwin Clayton Whitney's boyhood and youth were not unlike that of most boys who live in the country. He remained at home until he had acquired such education as the common schools afforded, but being an ambitious youth, he laid away his text-books and early began his business career. He was married on the 30th of June, 1885, shortly after the twentieth anniversary of his birth, to Miss Mary Dickey, a daughter of Solomon and Rebecca (Barker) Dickey. Her father was a native of Athens county, Ohio, born on the 30th of March, 1828. He came to Iowa in 1854, locating in Jasper county, and there he was married on the 12th of September of the same year to Rebecca Jane Barker. He acquired some land, every acre of which was unbroken prairie, and upon this the young people began their life together, but unremitting toil and careful cultivation in time transformed it into a valuable farm, which remained their home until 1897, when they removed to Mingo. Mr. Dickey passed away in 1905. He had been a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church and always led an upright, consistent Christian life, his high principles and incorruptible integrity gaining him the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in



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contact. For many years of her life Mrs. Dickey was practically an invalid, owing to injuries which she received in the Valeria cyclone and from which she never recovered. Although she suffered greatly at times she never complained, being sustained at all times by her strong faith in the everlasting arms. She passed away on the 26th of May, 1902, at the age of sixty-two years, having been born in La Grange county, Indiana, on the 25th of December, 1839.

After his marriage Mr. Whitney located on a farm which he rented near Mingo and after living there for a year he removed to another farm in Jasper county, where he also remained but one year and then rented a farm near the one where he had first lived. He remained on the latter place about eighteen months and then went to Saybrook, Illinois, and after living there about the same length of time he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hardin county, Iowa, where he continued to live for eight years. In 1899 he sold his farm and bought eighty acres in Story county, upon which he was living at the time of his death and where his widow continues to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were the parents of six children, who are as follows: Berton Leroy, a farmer of Carroll township, this county; Carl Jason, at home; Jennie May, the wife of Roy Bell of Indian Creek township, this county; Ethel Pearl, the wife of Glen Bell, of Jasper county; and Clarence Irwin and Elsie Mary, both at home.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mrs. Whitney holds membership. Mr. Whitney was a staunch supporter of the republican party, feeling its principles were best adapted to protect the rights of the majority. He never was an office seeker nor did he at any time aspire to political honors, preferring to devote his energies to the development of his private interests. He was ever a most loyal and devoted husband, generous and affectionate father and charitable neighbor, the loss of whom was most keenly felt not only in the family circle but in the community where he had lived.

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#### CLARENCE E. MARKLAND.

Clarence E. Markland, one of the most extensive stock-shippers of this section of Iowa, the owner of valuable farm property in Story county and the director of the First National Bank of Nevada, was born in McLean county, Illinois, October 20, 1869. His parents, Daniel F. and Hannah (Miller) Markland, were natives of Ohio, born near Hamilton. They were reared and married in the Buckeye state and soon afterward removed westward to Illinois, being now located in Pontiac, Illinois. In their family were seven children of whom Clarence was the third in order of birth. The record is as follows: Laura, now the wife of W. E. New, of Richland



township: John, who died in infancy; Clarence E.; Effie May, who died at the age of eighteen years; Muzetta, the wife of Maurice Pearl, of Oklahoma; Lucian, of Illinois; and Walter, of North Dakota.

C. E. Markland spent the period of his minority in his native state, and during much of the time was upon his father's farm working in the fields through the summer months and acquiring his education in the country schools in the winter season. He came alone to Nevada in February, 1892, when in his twenty-third year, and here established a grocery store which he conducted for about a year and then sold out. On the expiration of that period he rented land and for eight years engaged in the cultivation of the soil, during which time he bought and sold a number of tracts of land, realizing a good profit on most of them. Thus he gradually worked his way upward financially and in 1901 removed to Nevada, where for four years he engaged in real estate business, handling much valuable property and negotiating many important realty transfers. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the live stock business in which he has since engaged. He buys, feeds and ships stock to Chicago and is the most extensive shipper in Nevada, making his shipments not only from there but also from other points. He sends about two hundred carloads of horses, cattle and hogs annually to the state markets. Being an excellent judge of stock he shows wisdom in his purchases and in his sales which result profitably. Moreover, he has made judicious investments in real estate and is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in this county, being divided in three different tracts and located in Grant and Richland. He is likewise interested in Dakota lands and owns town property in Nevada and in Ames and a business block in McCallsburg. He is a stockholder of the Story County Mutual Telephone Company and is a director of the First National Bank. He is notably prompt, energetic and reliable and in the conduct of his business affairs allows no obstacle or difficulty to brook his path if it can be overcome by earnest and honorable effort.

In March, 1893, Mr. Markland was married to Miss Hattie M. Dawson, who was born in McLean county, Illinois, February 16, 1870, and in 1890 came to Story county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dawson. Her mother is now deceased and her father resides with his daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Markland have been born two children, Hazel and Irene. In 1909 Mr. Markland purchased his present home, a fine brick residence which is richly and tastefully furnished.

In politics he is a republican who takes only a citizen's interest in political affairs, never seeking nor desiring office for himself. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They are well known socially and their home is most attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. Mr. Markland came to Story county empty-handed, nor had he enjoyed any special advantages in his youth. In the intervening years he

has made continuous progress in business lines and is now one of the substantial citizens of the community. With a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, he has worked his way upward, utilizing all the advantages that have come to him and proving at the same time that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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### JOHN TWEDT.

John Twedt is now living retired in Roland, where he erected his present residence in 1910. He is still connected with the agricultural interests of the county, however, as the owner of two valuable farms in Howard township, each comprising one hundred and sixty acres. Both are well improved and from the property he derives a substantial income. He has lived in Storey county continuously for about forty-five years, having arrived here in 1866. He was at that time a young man of twenty-one years, his birth having occurred at the old family homestead of Twedt, on the west coast of Norway, March 10, 1845. His parents were John J. and Carrie (Oldsdatter) Twedt. The mother died in Norway when the son was twenty years of age and the father afterward came to America with the subject of this review, spending his last days in Story county. He was eighty-six years of age when he passed away at the home of his son Ole A. Twedt, who at that time was a resident of Warren township. The family numbered five sons and two daughters who came to the United States, of whom three sons and one daughter, Mrs. A. Helvig are still living.

John Twedt made his home at the place of his nativity until he sailed for the new world. As a boy he worked on a farm with his father and later spent four years as a sailor. In 1866 he made the voyage across the Atlantic to the United States and for a brief period lived in Chicago, being occupied as a sailor on the lakes, and on the 24th of July of that year arrived in Story county, where he has since made his home. He had no capital at that time and, being dependent upon his own resources for a living, he secured work as a farm hand, receiving one hundred and twenty-five dollars for a year's labor. He was ambitious, however, to engage in farming on his own account, and as soon as possible he rented land on the present site of Roland. This was in 1868 and he cultivated the tract for five years. In 1873 he purchased a farm in Howard township comprising one hundred and sixty acres and resided thereon until 1910, when he retired from business and erected his present home which is one of the comfortable and attractive dwellings of Roland. In the meantime he had added to his landed possessions, having become the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable farm property in Howard township, divided into two farms, both of which were well improved. Year

after year he worked diligently and persistently until his labors had brought him a measure of success that enabled him to put aside active business cares and live retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

In 1868 Mr. Twedt was married to Miss Anna N. Erickson, who was born in Norway in 1848 and came to the United States with her parents when a year and a half old. The family settled first in Illinois but in 1856 came to Story county where the father took up land from the government where the town of Roland now stands. Mrs. Twedt was a daughter of Jacob and Ellen (Michaelson) Erickson, both of whom died in Roland. Unto our subject and wife have been born eight children: Joseph, who is now proprietor of a hardware store in Roland; Jacob, living in Milford township; Albert, who is engaged in clerking for his brother Joseph in Roland; Ellen, the wife of Thomas Sampson, of Milford township; Carrie, the wife of P. J. Peterson, of Milford township; Hannah, the wife of Edward Grove, of Howard township; Lizzie, the wife of J. A. Rutherford, of California; and Clara, the wife of Elmer Highland, of Howard township.

Since becoming an American citizen Mr. Twedt has given his political support to the republican party which finds in him an earnest and stalwart advocate of its principles. He has been called to serve in several local offices including that of county supervisor, and reelection continued him upon the board for six years. He also served as school director for about ten years and did much to further the interests of public education. He likewise belongs to the Bergen Lutheran church and in its teachings he finds the principles which have governed his conduct in all of his relations with the public and with his fellowmen. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for when he left the land of the midnight sun his only capital was his determination and his indefatigable industry. Upon those qualities he has buildd his success and never has he taken advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in the conduct of his business dealings.

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### SAMUEL SWINBANK.

Among the honored citizens of Story county who have passed away after having bravely performed their duty in life, should be named Samuel Swinbank, who was a resident of this county for seventeen years and died April 12, 1894, in the height of his usefulness, at the age of fifty-one years. He was born in Westmoreland, England, October 2, 1843, a son of Joseph and Jennie (Taylor) Swinbank, both of whom spent their entire lives in England, the father devoting his attention to farming.

Samuel Swinbank received his education in the common schools of his native land and after arriving at a suitable age was apprenticed to the machinist's trade, in which he became highly proficient. At twenty-six years

of age, believing that more favorable conditions existed in America than were to be found in a thickly settled country of the old world, he emigrated to the United States, going direct to Kane county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm of forty acres and began to carve his way to fortune. He cultivated the land for eight years and then, seeking still wider opportunities, removed to Story county in 1877, acquiring land on section 25, New Albany township, upon which he established the family home. He was of industrious habits and by his unremitting diligence he transformed his farm into one of the valuable properties of the township.

On the 16th of February, 1869, in Westmoreland, England, Mr. Swinbank was united in marriage to Miss Martha Martindale, a daughter of William and Martha (Hastwell) Martindale. She was one of a family of fourteen children and was born January 24, 1844, coming to America with her husband shortly after their marriage. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Swinbank, namely: Joseph William, now living on a farm in Story county, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, February 12, 1871, and married Miss Emma Walters, of Story county; Ada O., who was born in Kane county, July 26, 1877, and married Charles Graves, of Oregon; John S., now living on the family homestead, who was born in Story county, September 1, 1879, and married Miss Agnes M. Bullock; Jennie T., who was born September 5, 1883, and is now living on the old homestead; and George M., who was born December 29, 1886, and is also living at home.

Mr. Swinbank was a consistent member of the United Brethren church of Dalton's Corners. Politically he gave his support to the republican party, being an earnest advocate of its principles. He served most acceptably as a member of the school board and also for many years as roadmaster of his township. In England he was a member of the Amalgamation of Engineers. Mrs. Swinbank is now living with several of her children on the home farm of one hundred and twenty acres. She is greatly respected by her neighbors and friends in the community where she lives, all of whom have a good word to say of her.

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### BENJAMIN BROTHERS.

No history of Nevada would be complete without mention of Oscar John and George Alonzo Benjamin, founders of the Nevada Journal, now edited by them under the name of the Nevada Evening Journal. The brothers had received comprehensive experience along journalistic lines in connection with other papers prior to the establishment of the Nevada Journal, and this thorough knowledge of the art preservative, combined with keen business sagacity, wise management and progressive and up-to-date methods have insured the success of their present venture, their paper be-



ing recognized as one of the important and influential factors of community life in Nevada.

The family of which they are representatives is of German and Irish lineage. The father, Jedediah H. Benjamin, was born in New York and in early boyhood removed with his parents to Peoria county, Illinois, where his father engaged in agriculture. He remained on the farm until attaining man's estate, when he entered the mercantile business in Peoria, Illinois, but after a few years thus spent returned to farming, being thus identified until 1860, when he withdrew from active business, the substantial success which he had attained in agricultural and mercantile lines making it possible for him to live retired throughout his remaining years. He took up his residence in Winfield, Kansas, and there passed away in 1909 at the age of seventy-eight years. A democrat in politics, he held several minor offices, including that of township supervisor, and was a prominent citizen of the communities in which he made his home. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Julia Maria Tyrel, is also of German and Irish descent. Her birth occurred in the Empire state and when a young lady she accompanied her parents to Illinois and was married in Peoria. She still survives, at the age of seventy years and is a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. By her union with Mr. Benjamin she became the mother of four children, as follows: Osear John and George Alonzo, who are mentioned below; Leitha, who was born near Princeville in 1880 and is now the wife of John D. Funk, a real-estate dealer of Winfield, Kansas; and Edna, deceased. By a former marriage Jedediah H. Benjamin had three daughters, Emma, who wedded J. K. Laycock and now makes her home on a farm in Story county; Hattie, deceased; and Ida, the wife of H. M. Blanchard, a resident of California.

Oscar John Benjamin, whose birth occurred on the 28th of July, 1860, at Peoria, Illinois, acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of Peoria county and later graduated from the Princeville high school. Later he was given the opportunity of studying in the Princeville Academy and after putting aside his text-books he entered the office of the Princeville Telephone to learn the printing business. After an apprenticeship of about two years he left that office and was employed by various daily newspapers in several cities in the middle west, where he gained comprehensive knowledge of his chosen line of work. Later he took up independent journalistic ventures, being associated with three different partners in the management of as many different papers. The year 1895 witnessed his arrival in Nevada and here, in connection with his brother, he founded the Nevada Journal. The wide and varied experience which he had previously acquired in the newspaper field made his efforts in the management of this last enterprise potent elements in what has become one of the successful and prominent papers of Nevada.

Mr. Benjamin laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own in his marriage, in December, 1900, to Miss Carrie Elliot, who was born in



St. Charles, Illinois, in 1869, and is the daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Elliot. He gives his political support to the republican party, while in fraternal circles he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the International Typographical Union and is one of the prominent and influential members of the Nevada Commercial Club. Aside from his connection with newspaper interests he is well known in financial and business circles, being a director of the Peoples Savings Bank and a stockholder of the Story County Mutual Telephone Company. Thus his excellent business ability has not only been a factor in the acquirement of an individual success which makes him one of the substantial and representative citizens of Nevada, but also a potent element in the management of various interests which bear strongly upon the permanent upbuilding and development of the community.

George Alonzo Benjamin is also one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring near Princeville on the 24th of October, 1871. Like his brother he received his education in the district schools and Princeville Academy and also acquired his knowledge of the art preservative in the office of the Princeville Telephone, which paper was at that time under the management of an uncle. He remained in that office for several years and was then connected with his brother in various other ventures throughout the middle west until their arrival in Nevada in 1895, since which time they have been associated in the management and publication of the Nevada Journal, now known as the Nevada Evening Journal. His knowledge of the newspaper business is also broad and comprehensive and his efforts in behalf of the Journal are important and resultant forces in the success of the paper.

George A. Benjamin was married on the 15th of January, 1896, to Miss Grace Johnson, a native of Illinois, who was born on the 18th of November, 1875, a daughter of Rev. J. and Frances Johnson. The father, a minister of the Methodist church, is now in charge of a church in Luray, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin are members of the Presbyterian church, while in politics he supports the principles and candidates of the republican party. He has also extended his interests outside of journalistic fields and is a stockholder in the Story County Mutual Telephone Company.

The Nevada Evening Journal, which was originally established as a weekly paper, was later converted into a bi-weekly edition and has had a continuous and gradual growth under the supervision of the Benjamin brothers, who brought to its inception not only the practical knowledge acquired by many years of experience but also an inherited aptitude for wise management and good business ability—elements which have proved potent forces in the upbuilding of the paper. The Journal attracts many readers by reason of its entertaining discussion of public questions and also as a distributor of news of general interest. Moreover, the paper is accorded an extensive advertising patronage, which is well merited for the partners have ever been quick to adopt new methods, are progressive and up-to-date in their ideas and their capable conduct of the paper has won the confidence

of a large circle of patrons. The high personal worth of the brothers has been widely recognized among their fellowmen, who hold them in unqualified respect and esteem, and the honorable and manly principles which have governed their private as well as their business life make them desirable and honored citizens of the community.

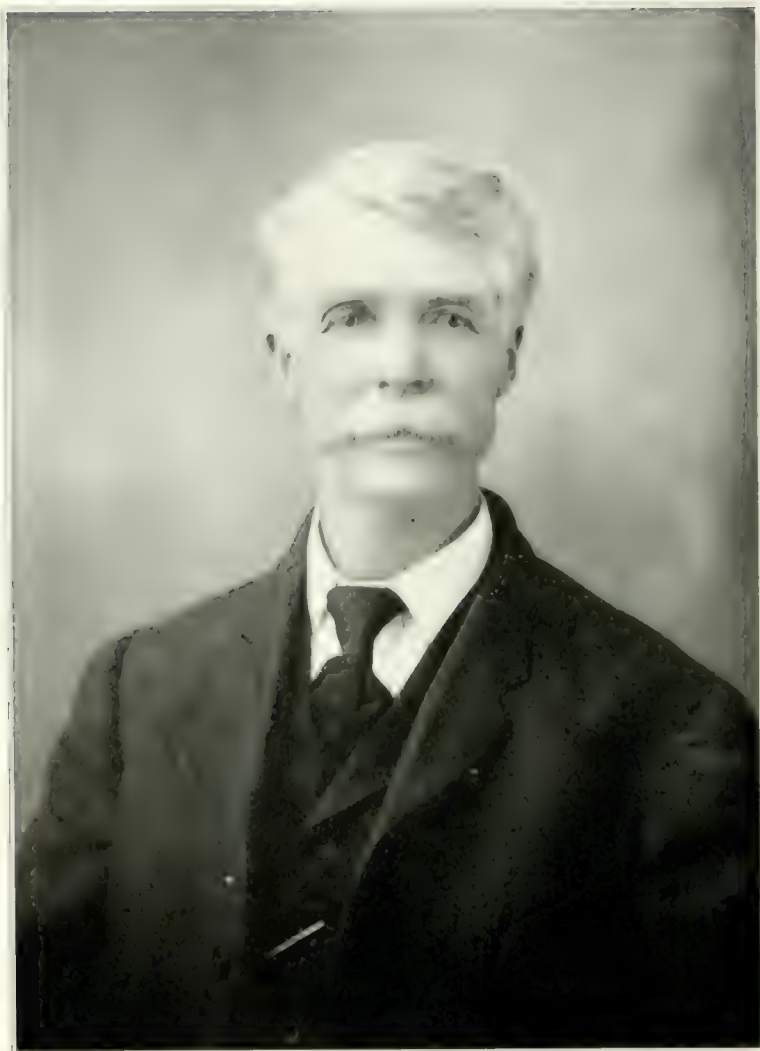
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### J. T. HANDSAKER.

Among the large landowners of Sherman township should be named J. T. Handsaker, who has spent his entire life in this county, attaining marked success both in agriculture and stock-raising. Upon his farm is to be seen the only steam plow in Story county and in other respects he is fully abreast of the times, making use of the best modern facilities and applying up-to-date methods, thus producing the most satisfactory results. He was born in Richland township, December 18, 1859, a son of William and Emily (Wyatt) Handsaker, the former born in Staffordshire, England, April 6, 1828, and the latter in Indiana, August 7, 1838. The father emigrated to America in 1854, landing at the port of New York, and soon afterward he came west to Illinois. Not satisfied, however, with the conditions as he found them east of the Mississippi river, he started in 1855 for Story county, Iowa, walking from the river with George Hyden, who took up his residence in Richland township. Mr. Handsaker engaged in farming in this county until 1893, when he retired and removed to Nevada. He passed away March 31, 1907, but his wife is still living and has arrived at the age of seventy-two years. There were eight children in their family, namely: J. T., the subject of this review; Sabina, now Mrs. Day; and Nona, now Mrs. Hynes, both living five miles south of Nevada; W. H., of Grant township; H. G., now living on the old homestead; J. H., a farmer of Richland township; D. P., who died in 1894 at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving a wife and two children; and Mary Ellen, who died in infancy.

J. T. Handsaker received his early education in the common schools and became so proficient in the text-books that he taught school very successfully for eight terms. He learned the carpenter's trade and while in the employ of D. B. Paddleford assisted in the erection of the Lutheran church at Johnson's Grove in 1880. This building has since been removed to Fernald. Subsequently he engaged in the tiling business. In 1883 he settled upon his present farm in Sherman township and for many years devoted his attention closely to various branches of farming, becoming recognized as one of the most successful agriculturists in the county. Recently he retired from active labors, leaving the work of the farm to his sons. Father and sons have gained a wide reputation as breeders of red polled cattle and Poland China hogs. They have also engaged quite





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extensively in the dairy business and are now regularly shipping one hundred and twenty pounds of high grade butter per week to New York and Brooklyn.

On the 11th of March, 1882, Mr. Handsaker was united in marriage in Richland township to Margaret Lawman, who was born in Canada, April 17, 1864, a daughter of John and Violet (Elliott) Lawman. Her parents came to America in 1858 and were married in New York state. After several removals they settled in Richland township, Story county, where they have lived for the last thirty-seven years. Four children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker, namely: Ethel M., born February 9, 1885, was educated in the common schools and in the School of Music at Ames, and is now living at home. E. Ralph, also on the home farm, was born November 30, 1886, and was educated in the common schools, also taking a course in engineering at Charles City, Iowa. John W., born October 25, 1887, is now living on the old homestead. Thomas L., born November 25, 1892, is also living at home.

Mr. Handsaker, ever since reaching his majority has given his support to the republican party. He has not sought the emoluments of office but has served with great acceptance as township clerk and secretary of the school board for sixteen years and as township trustee for eight years. He is a man of unusual intelligence and keeps fully informed on the progress of everything pertaining to his calling, to which he has applied with great success the best efforts of his life. He has witnessed many changes in Story county. Land when his father came to this county was being sold by the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. As late as 1880 Mr. Handsaker of this review bought one hundred and sixty acres in this county for seventeen hundred dollars, being a little over ten dollars and fifty cents per acre. The same land now commands one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, and the tendency in price is still upward. A worthy representative of a family which has performed an important part in the development of the county, Mr. Handsaker now enjoys in comfort and ease the results of his wisely directed efforts and at the same time is accorded the confidence and respect of the entire community.

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#### DR. SEAMAN A. KNAPP.

Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, who passed away at Washington, D. C., on the 1st of April, 1911, was the second president of the Iowa State College at Ames. He was born at Schroon, Essex county, New York, December 16, 1833, and was graduated from Union College in 1856, Phi Beta Kappa. He was granted six honorary degrees by the Iowa State College and other colleges and universities, was vice president of Fort Edward Collegiate Institute from 1856 until 1863, and associate manager of Ripley Female

College in 1804 and 1805. Failing health caused him to move to Benton county, Iowa, in 1806, where he served as principal of the Iowa College for the Blind from 1809 to 1875, when he opened a large fine stock farm at Vinton and became editor of the Western Farm Journal published at Cedar Rapids. From 1879 until 1886 he was professor of agriculture in the Iowa State College, while during the years 1883 and 1884 he served as president of the college. For three years, from 1873 until 1876, he was president of the Iowa Fine Stock Breeder's Association.

Dr. Knapp left Iowa in 1886 to assume the supervision of a tract of land in southwestern Louisiana, as large as the state of Connecticut. He introduced to the rice field of the southwest, the wheat machinery of the northwest. By his great work for rice he became president of the Rice Growers Association of America, which position he held until his removal to Washington three years ago.

In 1898, at the request of the secretary of agriculture, he visited the Philippines, Japan and China to report on their agricultural resources. In 1900 he went to Porto Rico on a similar mission. In 1901 and 1902 he went to Ceylon and India and again to China and Japan, bringing from the latter a seed rice of great value, which is used today in the southwest. During this last trip he performed private missions for the secretary of war in the Philippines and for President Roosevelt in Honolulu.

The crowning work of his life was begun when the secretary of agriculture sent him to Texas in 1903 to fight the Mexican boll weevil. By his efforts he turned what seemed the utter destruction of the cotton crop of the south into a blessing and opened the way for the establishment of the "Farmer's Cooperative Demonstration Work of the South" of which he was the originator and the inspiration during the last seven years of his life.

At seventy-seven years of age he had an office force of thirty men, five hundred field agents, seventy-five thousand adult and forty-six thousand boy demonstrators, all under the Farmer's Cooperative Demonstration Work of the United States department of agriculture, the general education board of New York and the patrons of southern states. By his work the south has been able to grow two blades of grass, two bales of cotton, and two bushels of corn where one grew before. His work was to reach the humblest of southern homes and help them to see the light. Himself the product of the classical school, he became the apostle of and gave his life to the exemplification of modern industrial education.

Dr. Knapp married Maria Hotchkiss, of Washington county, New York, in 1856, and left five children to mourn his loss. They are: Mrs. Maria Knapp Mayo, the wife of A. M. Mayo, of Lake Charles, Louisiana; Herman Knapp, treasurer and registrar of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Bradford Knapp, connected with the farmer's demonstration work of the south, of Washington, D. C.; Seaman Arthur Knapp, cashier of Calcasieu National Bank, Lake Charles, Louisiana; and Mrs. Helen Knapp Fay, the wife of Dr. Oliver J. Fay, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Knapp's remains were brought to Ames for burial in the College cemetery. He was an educator and philosopher, a gentleman of learning and culture. Of superior ability, he yet recognized individual obligation and the truth of the universal brotherhood of mankind.

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### JOHN Y. LUKE.

The present incumbent of the office of city attorney in Ames is John Y. Luke, who was born in Galena, Illinois, on the 12th of April, 1870, a son of John W. and Sarah A. Luke. The father, a native of the Empire state, was born in Albany county on the 31st of March, 1840, and after completing his academic education he studied law, being most successfully identified with that profession during his entire life. In 1882 the family located in Hampton, Franklin county, Iowa, and there the father died in January, 1896, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Hampton.

John Y. Luke, who is the second in a family of nine children, was only twelve years of age when the family removed to Iowa and therefore has spent the greater part of his life in this state. After completing the grammar school course he graduated from the high school at Hampton and then taught in the country. Later he entered the Iowa State College at Ames and after three years' study in that institution he accepted a position as principal of the schools in Roland, Iowa. While a student in the high school he studied law in his father's office and completed his law course and was admitted to the bar during his two years' residence in Roland. At the close of his school he opened an office in that place and began practicing. He only remained there during the summer, however, and in the fall of 1895 he went to Nevada, Iowa, where he formed a partnership with J. F. Martin under the firm name of Martin & Luke. On the 1st of January, 1896, this partnership was dissolved because of the death of Mr. Luke's father necessitating his return to Hampton to look after the latter's large practice and business interests. He remained in Hampton for ten years, and during that period built up a large practice, proving through his capable discharge and execution of the business of his father's clients that he was a man of unusual mental attainment. His powers of deduction, keen discrimination in grasping the points at issue and his elucidation of the abstruse problems in a legal entanglement were quickly recognized and accepted at their full value. In 1907 Mr. Luke came to Ames and entered into partnership with Mr. McCarthy, taking the position in the firm previously held by Mr. Lee, who was retiring from private practice to accept a position on the bench. The partnership however, is but a nominal one, Mr. McCarthy having retired from active practice.

In 1869 at Hampton, Iowa, Mr. Luke was united in marriage to Miss Lel H. Hoxie, a daughter of W. H. Hoxie and a native of Hampton. One child has been born of this union, Gilbert M. The family attend the Congregational church and Mr. Luke is fraternally identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Ever since attaining his majority he has taken a keen interest in all political issues and has acquired more than a local reputation as a campaign orator, having stumped the district quite thoroughly in 1896. He always votes the republican ticket and his party fealty has been rewarded by his constituency electing him to the office of county attorney while a resident of Franklin county and in addition he served two terms as city attorney in Hampton, while since removing to Ames his ability has been recognized by his election to the position of city attorney. He belongs to that body of young politicians who are striving to bring up the political standard of the country and makes no promises or assurances to his supporters which he does not honestly intend to maintain.

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#### FRANCIS E. GUNDER.

The spirit of enterprise which has always been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west finds expression in the life of Francis E. Gunder, a progressive and representative farmer of Franklin township, living on section 35. He was born in Colfax township, Boone county, Iowa, December 31, 1869, a son of Casper and Elizabeth (Savits) Gunder. The father was born in Germany on the 1st of January, 1812, and was but four years of age when brought to America by his parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. He was reared to farm life in that state and was married in Cumberland county, after which he removed westward to Illinois, where he spent two or three years. In 1865 he arrived in Boone county, Iowa, and later took up his abode upon the farm on section 35, Franklin township, Story county, which is now the home of his son Francis. It was upon this place that his remaining days were passed, covering a period of a quarter of a century, and his death occurred September 6, 1890. He owned here sixty-five acres of land, to which the son Francis has since added. The father was a shoemaker and followed that trade before he came to the west but always gave his attention in Iowa to farming. His widow still survives him. She was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1828, and now resides with her son Francis, who is the youngest of a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom six sons and two daughters are now living, although they are widely scattered.

When a lad of eleven years Francis E. Gunder accompanied his parents on their removal to Ames, and in 1883 the family took up their abode on section 35, Franklin township, where he has since lived. Adding to his



father's original purchase of sixty-five acres, he is today the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and ninety acres pleasantly located a half mile north of Ames and known as the Oak Grove Farm. He conducts a dairy business, milking about thirty cows and selling the milk to the whole-sale trade. He has been engaged in dairying for about five years and finds this a profitable source of income. At the same time he carefully develops his fields and gathers therefrom abundant harvests. His home is a modern nine-room brick building, which was erected in 1907, in attractive style of architecture and equipped with all modern comforts and conveniences. There are also good outbuildings upon the place, which he erected, and a house which is occupied by a tenant.

Mr. Gunder has been married twice. In 1891 he wedded Dora Nowning, a native of Story county, and a daughter of James and Abbie Nowning. Mrs. Gunder died in April, 1903, leaving two children, Virgil and Byron. In June, 1904, Mr. Gunder wedded Katherine Cooney, a native of Dallas county, Iowa, although reared in Illinois. Her parents were William and Mary Cooney. Two children have been born of the second marriage, Dwight F. and Lolita E. The family are most pleasantly located in one of the beautiful country homes of Story county. Mr. Gunder has his own electric light plant which lights both the house and barns. He also has a water system, supplying the house and barns, and a gasoline power engine for grinding feed, as well as generating electricity and pumping water. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church at Ames and their many sterling qualities have gained them an extensive circle of friends. In matters of citizenship Mr. Gunder is progressive and gives his hearty cooperation to many movements for the general good. In business affairs he is thoroughly reliable and has followed progressive methods which may well serve as an example for others who are connected with the agricultural interests of the county.

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#### THOMAS W. RAWSON.

A bright example of success in a responsible vocation is shown in the career of Thomas W. Rawson, cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Slater. Starting upon his business career with a laudable ambition and imbued with high ideals, he attained a position of trust, which he fills to the entire satisfaction of the directors and stockholders of the bank. He was born in Dallas county, Iowa, September 15, 1878, a son of Edmund A. and Catherine (Huston) Rawson, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father came to Iowa in his early manhood and served as principal of the schools of Panora, Dallas county, Iowa, later engaging in farming in the same county. His first wife having died he went to Oneida, Illinois, where he was married to Catherine Huston. Re-

turning to Dallas county, he taught school and farmed and also took up the study of medicine, subsequently entering the medical department of the State University at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1884. He practiced in Sheldahl until the town of Slater was organized, when he took up his residence in this place. Here he continued in successful practice until his retirement, in July, 1910. He is now making his home in Boise City, Idaho. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are both identified with the English Lutheran church, but were originally members of the Congregational church.

Thomas W. Rawson was reared at home, where he early gained a true knowledge of the importance and value of labor. He received his preliminary education in the common schools and also attended Iowa College Academy, at Grinnell, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901. Immediately after leaving school he entered the Farmers Savings Bank of Slater as assistant cashier and continued in that position until July, 1910, when upon the death of M. S. Helland, cashier of the bank, he was selected to fill the vacancy. In the discharge of his duties he has shown an interest and ability which are highly pleasing to the officers and stockholders of the institution.

On the 3d of September, 1902, Mr. Rawson was united in marriage at Slater to Miss Belle Nelson, a daughter of Hon. Oley Nelson, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. One child, Homer Arnold, has come to bless this union.

Mr. Rawson has possessed every desirable advantage of education and training for the banking business that could be desired and, having made good use of his opportunities, he has enjoyed the favors of fortune and has also been accorded the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and as a citizen he extends a willing hand to every worthy movement seeking to promote the permanent interests of this section.

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#### GEORGE A. KLOVE.

There is in the atmosphere of the west something that calls forth energy, determination and ambition on the part of the citizens of this section of the country. Imbued with this spirit, George A. Klove has made substantial progress in his business career, and is now occupying the position of assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Nevada. He was born in Decorah, Winneshiek county, Iowa, on the 16th of January, 1867, and is a son of Edwin and Christina (Howard) Klove, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence they came to America in their childhood days with their respective parents and settled near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The

father was born at Voss, Norway, on the 19th of October, 1836, and was a son of Andrew and Gundvor (Ringheim) Klove, who were also natives of Voss. In the year 1843, they sailed for the new world with Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as their destination, and soon afterward located on a farm about twenty miles southwest of that city, where they remained for a long period. About 1864, however, they removed westward to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where the father's death occurred in 1865. The mother survived him for several years and passed away in 1870. Both were sixty-nine years of age when called to their final home. Andrew Klove had followed farming throughout his entire life and was known as a worthy and representative citizen of the community in which his last days were passed. His family numbered thirteen children, all of whom were born in Norway with the exception of two.

Edwin Klove was only six years of age when the family crossed the Atlantic, and with his parents he resided until 1860, when he went to Decorah, Iowa, making the trip alone. There he established a general mercantile business in connection with I. A. Ringheim, a cousin. This association was maintained for two years, when they disposed of their stock and Edwin Klove accepted the position of deputy in the office of county treasurer. Later he was elected county treasurer and filled the position in a most acceptable and creditable manner for eight years, proving a most faithful custodian of the public funds. He was then out of business for a short time. In 1883, he removed to Nevada, where he has since made his home, and for ten years acted as clerk in the store of I. A. Ringheim. Following the death of Mr. Ringheim Mr. Klove retired and has since spent his days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. In the year 1864, he married Christina Howard, who was born in Voss, Norway, October 31, 1841, and came to this country with her parents about 1844. She was a daughter of Joseph and Christina Howard, both of whom died in Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Klove were born seven children: George A., of this review; Janette, the wife of U. S. Alderman of Nevada; Henry, of Sac City, Iowa; Edmond Joseph, of Ames, Iowa; Frederick Howard, who is located in Livingston, Montana; Anna Louise, a resident of Minneapolis; and Mrs. Alice McCall, deceased.

In taking up the personal history of George A. Klove, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Story county, where he has made his home for more than twenty-seven years. The first sixteen years of his life were spent in Decorah, Iowa, and in September, 1883, he came to Nevada, where he has since resided. He pursued a high school course in Decorah, but after coming to Story county turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, serving as a clerk until 1896. In that year he was appointed deputy county treasurer, in which capacity he served for four years, at the end of which time he was chosen county treasurer, and by reelection was continued in the office for two terms. He has been prominent in the public life of the community, and it is well known

that his aid and influence are ever to be found on the side of progress and improvement. He was mayor of Nevada for one term, 1903-1904, and gave to the city a business-like administration, wherein the interests of the city were greatly promoted. He became connected with the First National Bank as assistant cashier, and still continues in that position.

In 1895 Mr. Klove was united in marriage to Miss Sylvia Thompson, a native of Nevada, and a daughter of F. D. Thompson. They now have two children: Herman Thompson and Sumner Edwin.

In his political life Mr. Klove has been a lifelong republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the principles of the party. He has served as a member of the city council and also as secretary of the school board, filling the former position from April, 1900 until April, 1909, while in the latter office he served for four years. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and for many years has served on its council. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Masonic lodge and the Modern Woodmen camp. The greater part of his life has been passed in Story county, and that his record has ever been a most honorable one is indicated in the fact that his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Nevada, and he is recognized by all as a man of unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags.

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### HON. JOSEPH A. FITCHPATRICK.

No history of Nevada and Story county would be complete without extended reference to Hon. Joseph A. Fitchpatrick, who is distinctively a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence. He is now closely associated with the public life of the community as a member of the bar, as president of the First National Bank of Nevada and as representative of his district in the state senate. He belongs to one of the old families of this part of Iowa and is a native son of Washington county, Virginia, born October 17, 1840. His parents were William H. and Sarah V. (Hagy) Fitchpatrick, who were also natives of Washington county, born in 1814 and 1815, respectively. A removal to the west was made in 1842, at which time the family home was established in Clinton county, Indiana, where they resided until 1854. In that year they became residents of Boone, Iowa, and in 1857 the family came to Story county, where they made their home for many years. The parents spent their last days in Ames, where the mother died in 1893 and the father in 1897. In their family were eight children of whom five are yet living.

Hon. J. A. Fitchpatrick, the eldest, devoted his time between the work of the farm and the acquirement of an education in the public schools.





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through the period of his youth, and in early manhood he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed through the winter seasons. The welfare and preservation of his country became a paramount interest in his life at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and in response to President Lincoln's first call for troops he offered his services to the government, enlisting in May, 1861, under command of Captain (afterward Colonel) Scott, of Company E, Third Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He continued with this command until after the battle of Atlanta, having in the meantime reenlisted, and then the Third Iowa Regiment was consolidated with the Second Regiment and his command became Company A of that organization. He remained with his regiment until the close of the war and was on active duty from the start. During the summer, fall and winter of 1861 he was largely engaged in skirmish duty throughout Missouri. He participated in the battle of Shiloh on the 6th and 7th of April, 1862, his regiment doing volunteer service there, holding its line all day and repelling every attack of the enemy. Because of a flank movement on the part of the Confederates the Third Iowa was compelled to fall back and in so doing about six o'clock in the evening Mr. Fitchpatrick, with a few others of the regiment including Major Stone, the commanding officer, fell in with the Iowa Brigade which a few moments afterward surrendered. Through the succeeding ten weeks Mr. Fitchpatrick was held as a prisoner of war at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, after which all of the prisoners were paroled but were not allowed to join their commands until exchanged several months later, being stationed during the intervening period in St. Louis, Missouri. As soon as possible, however, Mr. Fitchpatrick rejoined his regiment at Moscow, Tennessee, in January, 1863, and afterward participated in the siege of Vicksburg. The troops then proceeded to Jackson, Mississippi, and he took part in the unfortunate and ill-timed assault on the enemy's works at that place on the 12th of July, 1863, on which occasion more than half of those engaged were either killed or wounded. He also participated in the Meridian campaign under Sherman in February, 1864, and in the Atlanta campaign, including the battles of Atlanta on the 21st and 22d of July, 1864. On the second day of the engagement, after five hours of stubborn fighting, Mr. Fitchpatrick and several of his comrades were surrounded and captured, while the only commissioned officer in the regiment at that time was killed. This was on the first day of the battle. On the second day the regiment drew up in battle line without a single officer to command and did some of the most effective fighting of its whole term of service, almost literally fighting itself out of existence on that occasion. Mr. Fitchpatrick with the others who had been made prisoners of war were taken to Andersonville, where they suffered greatly, their treatment being of the most inhuman character. Three months were spent in that loathsome prison pen, after which Mr. Fitchpatrick was transferred to Florence, South Carolina, where the treatment was no better. On the 1st of March following, however, he was exchanged at Wilmington, North

Carolina, and his sufferings were indicated by the fact that he had lost greatly in weight, having been reduced almost to a skeleton ere his release. He was sent to Annapolis, Maryland, and was granted a furlough which he spent at home. On the expiration of his leave of absence he rejoined his regiment in Washington, D. C., in May, 1865, and with his command went soon afterward to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was mustered out of service in July. He had been with the Union army for four years and two months, during which time he was never ill or absent from duty with the exception of the period of his prison experience and his furlough home. He stood frequently upon the firing line and again upon the lonely picket line, but no matter what the duty entrusted to him it was faithfully performed.

In July, 1865, Mr. Fitchpatrick reached his old home in Story county and throughout all the intervening years to the present he has figured prominently in the public life of the community and in the advancement of its business interests. Soon after his return from the war he was elected clerk of the district court, capably filling the office for a period of eleven years, or until January 1, 1877. He then turned his attention to the loan and abstract business, in which he has since engaged. He was the first one to make a complete set of abstract books in the county. In 1877 he was admitted to practice before the Story county court and almost immediately thereafter formed a law partnership with George W. Dyer. In 1878 he was licensed to practice before the Iowa supreme court. His partnership with Mr. Dyer was terminated in 1885 and he afterward remained alone in practice for a considerable period. In 1898 he entered into partnership with Edward M. McCall, which relationship still maintains under the firm style of Fitchpatrick & McCall. They have a large clientage connecting them with much of the important litigation held in the courts of the district. Mr. Fitchpatrick has also invested heavily in real estate and is the owner of much valuable property in Nevada and Story county. Becoming connected with the First National Bank, he was for a considerable period its vice president and in 1904 was elected to the presidency, serving as its chief executive officer throughout the ensuing decade.

On the 10th of August, 1866, Mr. Fitchpatrick was married to Miss Hattie V. Pierce, who was born in Onondaga county, New York, in 1843, a daughter of Lyman and Phoebe (Dean) Pierce. She died in September, 1906. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fitchpatrick were born three children: William P., of Nevada, who married Ada J. Ringheim; Mrs. Viola E. Everhart, of Chicago; and Genevieve L., the wife of Edward M. McCall, who is now her father's law partner.

Mr. Fitchpatrick and daughters are members of the Presbyterian church and the family has long occupied a prominent position in social circles. Mr. Fitchpatrick holds membership in Lodge No. 99, A. F. & A. M., of Nevada; the chapter and Excalibur Commandery, No. 13, K. T., at Boone, Iowa. He likewise belongs to Sampson Lodge, No. 77, K. P., of which

he is a charter member, and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he is not a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term, he has yet been honored with public office and has proven himself capable in the discharge of his duties. In 1899 he was elected state senator from the district comprised of Boone and Story counties and served until 1904. In 1908 he was reelected, so that he is the present incumbent in the office. He gives careful consideration to each question which comes up for settlement and his spirit of opposition to any measure is the expression of his honest conviction and of a conscientious effort to do that which is best for the community. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote to his character, for those qualities have characterized him in every relation of life. His enterprising spirit is manifest as well in his official service as in the conduct of his private business interests, and sound judgment and keen discrimination have ever been elements in the continuous advancement which has brought him to his present enviable position.

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#### CHARLES A. WENTWORTH.

While practically living retired, Charles A. Wentworth was for many years identified with general agricultural pursuits and is still the owner of a good farm property west of Ames, although he now makes his home in the city. He was born in Monson, Piscataquis county, Maine, on the 24th of February, 1845, and spent the greater part of his youth there. His parents were Oliver and Janette (Thomas) Wentworth, who always remained residents of the Pine Tree state and were farming people. Their son Charles was the second in a family of nine children, eight of whom are now living and all were together in the summer of 1910 on the old home place in Maine. A daughter of the family died in infancy.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Charles A. Wentworth in his boyhood and youth. The public schools afforded him his education and he worked in the fields for his father and also to some extent for neighboring farmers until seventeen years of age, when, aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he enlisted for active duty with the northern army. He was discharged August 1, 1865, after eighteen months' service with Company M of the First Maine Cavalry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and was on duty in the vicinity of Petersburg most of the time. He took part in the engagements at Green Station, Cathaly Run, the Bellfield raid and was on the skirmish line most of the time. When the war was over and victory crowned the Union arms, he returned home and continued a resident of Maine throughout the ensuing year. He then went to Pennsylvania, where he spent a year and then again returned home, remaining for a few months.

Later he spent a year and a half in Pennsylvania, and on the expiration of that period went to Alpena, Michigan, where he resided for three years. In Pennsylvania and in Michigan he was employed in the lumber woods during the winter months, after which he returned to Maine, where he again lived for a year.

The fall of 1876 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Wentworth in Iowa, at which time he took up his abode in Jones county, living there until the spring of 1878, when he went to Boone county. In February, 1895, he came to his present home near the corporation limits of Ames, his farm lying west of the city. In addition to the home where he now resides, he has one hundred and twenty-one acres of rich farm land and from the place derives a substantial income. He is practically living retired, however, leaving the active work of the farm to others.

On the 2d of March, 1877, in Clinton, Iowa, Mr. Wentworth was married to Miss Emma C. Chapin, who was born in Monson, Maine, on the 12th of October, 1845, and there resided until the spring of 1877, when she came to Clinton, Iowa. Her parents were Aretus and Mary (Whiting) Chapin, natives of Monson, Maine, and reared in that state, where they spent their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth had but one child, Atlee O., who died at the age of three months.

Mr. Wentworth belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is as true and loyal in matters of citizenship today as he was when he followed the old flag in defending the Union cause on the battlefields of the south. His life has been quietly passed, yet at all times his career has been marked by usefulness and activity in his business affairs. Moreover, he has ever been reliable in his business transactions and his many substantial qualities have won for him recognition as a worthy and representative citizen of his adopted county.

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#### JOHN OSBORN.

Among the residents of Story county who have now passed away, there were none more highly esteemed and respected than John Osborn, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 28th of December, 1846. His life up to the age of eighteen years was like that of the majority of the boys of fifty years ago who were reared on the farm. He attended school when his services were not required at home and enjoyed such diversions as fell to the lot of the young people of that period.

At eighteen years of age he enlisted in the Union army and spent eleven months of his early manhood in the service of his country on the battlefields of the south. There, as elsewhere throughout his life, he discharged every duty assigned him to the best of his ability. That he was faithful in service, brave in the face of danger and reliable at all times is fully attested by the honorable discharge accorded him at the end of his period of enlistment.



In 1865 Mr. Osborn removed with his parents to Shelby county, Illinois. Four years later on the 18th of November, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Shell, a native of Shelby county. The first year of their married life the young people continued to make their home in that county, but at the end of that period they removed to a farm near Green Castle in Jasper county, this state, and here, with the exception of one year, when they lived in Madison county, they resided for thirteen years. They went to Polk county in 1884, where they lived for a time, but later removed to Mr. Osborn's farm near Maxwell, this county. They lived on this place until Mr. Osborn retired in 1907, after which time they made their home in Maxwell and there on the 24th of July, 1909, Mr. Osborn passed away.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, two of whom survive: Eva L., wife of William Hartung, a farmer in Indian Creek township; and Orlando, who owns and lives on the home farm near Maxwell.

Mr. Osborn was always a staunch adherent of the republican party, believing that its basic principles were best adapted to protect the interests of the general public and while he never sought political preferment he served as township trustee and most capably discharged the duties of other local offices while a resident of Polk county. Mr. Osborn was a Christian and a communicant of the Methodist Protestant church, in which Mrs. Osborn also holds membership. He was not a man who sought publicity or reward for service but he was always ready to respond to the call of his country or fellowman in time of need, and he will long be remembered in the community where he lived, for he was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

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#### WALTER L. MORRIS.

Walter L. Morris, living on section 34, Franklin township, has been a resident of Story county since the fall of 1875, arriving here when a youth of eleven years. He was born in Morrison, Illinois, on the 23d of May, 1864, his parents being Willard and Adaline (Leonard) Morris. He was the eldest son and fourth child in a family of seven children and spent the first eleven years of his life in the place of his nativity, after which he came with his parents to Story in the fall of 1875. They took up their abode in Washington township, two and a half miles west of Ames, and there lived for two years, after which they removed to Franklin township, where Walter L. Morris has since made his home.

He continued with his parents until his marriage and in the public schools of Illinois and of Iowa he pursued his education, while his training in farm work was received under the direction of his father. There were few leisure hours in his boyhood and yet at times he had opportunity to enjoy the sports which engaged the attention of all healthy youths.

In early manhood he engaged in farming on rented land with his father, who with his three sons rented and cultivated eight hundred acres of land for a number of years. The father owned and rented farm property. In 1889 Walter L. Morris purchased a part of his present farm and became owner of the remainder in 1902. He now has two hundred and forty acres of land lying on sections 27 and 34, his home standing on the latter section. The farm has been well improved by Mr. Morris and in its midst stands a comfortable modern residence, while other commodious and substantial buildings shelter grain, stock and farm machinery. The place is known as the Fairview farm and its name is well deserved. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition and indicates the careful supervision and practical methods of a progressive owner. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and has also met with success in the breeding and raising of shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, having upon his place twenty head of registered shorthorns at the present time, while all of his hogs have been eligible to registry for the past fifteen years. He has been engaged in the breeding of shorthorns since 1898 and in addition to his herd he feeds from sixty to ninety head of cattle. In addition to his home property he owns a house and lot in Boone and his wife is the owner of residence property in Ames. He is likewise a stockholder in the Story County Fair Association and he is a charter member of the Breeders Association of Story county, of which he served as treasurer for a number of years.

On the 28th of November, 1895, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Rutheford, who was born in Ontario, Canada, June 26, 1863, and was brought to Story county in 1868 by her parents, Edward and Maria (Eckels) Rutheford, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ireland. Both were residents of Story county at the time of death, the father passing away April 4, 1875, when forty-six years of age, while the mother died January 27, 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a carpenter contractor and architect and practiced the profession of architecture in New York city for about ten years. Their family numbered six children, including Mrs. Morris, who by her marriage has become the mother of one son, Edward Leonard, born September 24, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are also rearing an adopted daughter, Eleanor Morris, born February 22, 1900. Their son at the age of twelve years was graduated from the rural schools with the first class that was graduated. He always displayed special aptitude in his studies and he is now successfully engaged in the breeding of Shetland ponies although but fourteen years of age.

Mr. Morris has always been a warm friend of the cause of education and was president of the township school board and one of the school directors of his district for a number of years. He also filled the office of assessor of Franklin township for twelve years and discharged his duties with promptness and ability during the entire period of his incumbency.

in office. For ten years he has filled the office of justice of the peace, in which connection his decisions are strictly fair and impartial. He has likewise served as township trustee for a number of years and is ever loyal and faithful to the confidence and trust reposed in him. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Congregational church of Ames. During thirty-six years' residence in Story county he has formed a wide acquaintance among the citizens of this part of the state and he is held in high esteem by those who have long known him as well as by his later acquaintances. In manner he is genial and social and wherever he goes wins the high regard of those with whom he is brought in contact.

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#### PETER S. GRIFFITH.

Among the successful farmers and extensive landowners of Union township is Peter S. Griffith, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, on the 9th of March, 1856, his parents being John M. and Biddy (Rice) Griffith. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Ireland, having come to America as a child with her parents, who settled in Highland county, Ohio. After he had reached manhood John M. Griffith, in company with his brother, went to Highland county and there he met and married the mother of our subject. The first ten years of their married life the young people spent in Ohio and then removed to McDonough county, Illinois, where they continued to live until 1867, when they again set their faces westward, Iowa being their destination. They first settled in Polk county, where they remained but a few months and then bought a farm in Story county, which adjoins their son's homestead on the east and which he now owns, there spending the remainder of their lives. The father passed away on the 19th of November, 1890, but the mother survived until the 24th of December, 1904. Mr. Griffith was a very successful man and owned between six and seven hundred acres of land at the time of his demise. They were both life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they were always active workers.

Peter Griffith's early years differed but in detail from those of many farmer lads. He lived at home and attended the district school, assisted in the work of the farm and indulged in such recreations as appeal to young people. When old enough to lay aside his text-books, he cooperated with his father in the cultivation of the farm, and at length purchased eighty acres of his own land, upon which in 1892 he took up his residence and has since continued to live. After his father's death he bought the old homestead, containing one hundred and sixty acres, and he also owns one hun-

dred and twenty acres on section 27, inside of the corporate limits of Cambridge, making the aggregate of his real-estate holdings amount to three hundred and sixty acres. His home farm is one of the best in the township, the fields are well tilled, the improvements modern and kept in repair and the stock of a good breed and well cared for. In fact everything about the place bespeaks thrift, capable management and careful attention to details.

In 1882 Mr. Griffith established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Carrie C. Chamberlain, a native of Union township and a daughter of Oliver Chamberlain, who came to Story county from Ohio about 1850, being one of the pioneers of Union township. He is now deceased. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Griffith: Genevieve, Carrie B. and John M.

Mr. Griffith is identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Tabernacle Lodge, No. 452, A. F. & A. M., while he and his wife belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. While he has never actively participated in politics he casts a vote at all elections for the republican candidates, as he considers the fundamental principles of that party are best adapted to serve the majority. He has been very successful as a farmer, which can undoubtedly be largely attributed to his careful management, discretion and progressive ideas and is considered to be one of the substantial citizens of Union township, where during his long residence he has made many friends, whose respect and esteem he has retained.

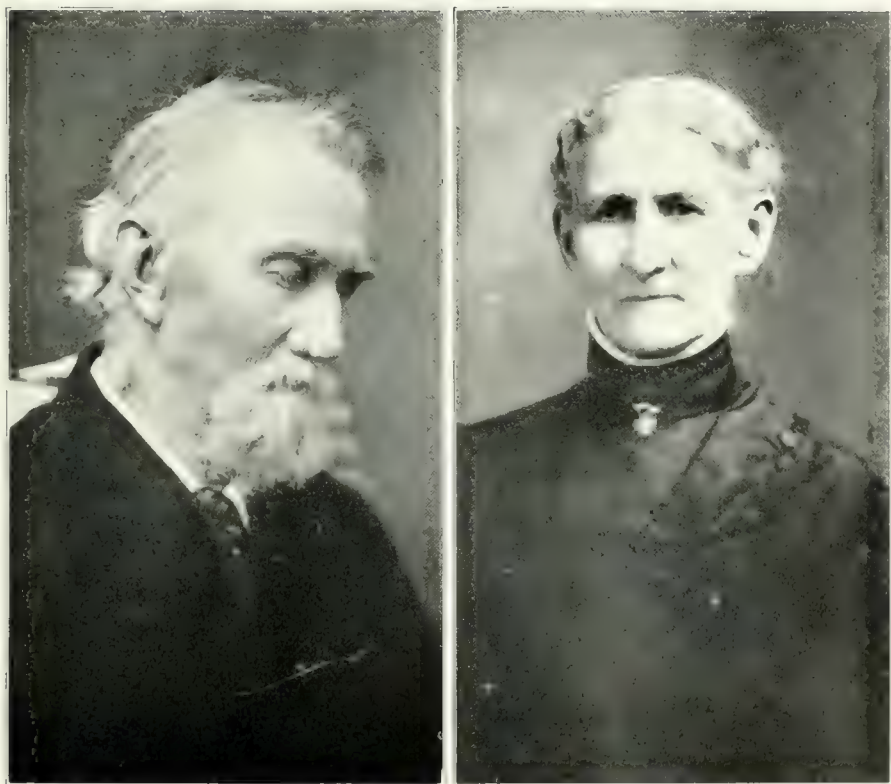
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### STEPHEN PARKER O'BRIEN.

The name of Stephen Parker O'Brien deserves to be placed high on the roll of Story county's honored citizens inasmuch as he is a veteran of the Mexican war and of the Civil war and has ever been a loyal and progressive resident of Iowa, cooperating in all measures and movements calculated to benefit his home community or the state. In official service and in private life his course has ever commended him to the confidence and respect of his fellowmen as he is today one of the most honored as well as one of the most venerable citizens of Story county.

Mr. O'Brien was born in Union township, Brown county, Ohio, December 24, 1825, a son of Enoch and Naomi (Parker) O'Brien. The father was probably born in Adams county, Ohio, in 1800, and the mother's birth occurred in Virginia, October 22, 1768. In the winter seasons Enoch O'Brien followed the profession of school teaching and in the summer months worked at the stone-cutter's trade. He was married in the Buckeye state to Naomi Parker, who had removed with her parents from Virginia. In October, 1831, Enoch and Naomi (Parker) O'Brien took their family to Hancock county, Indiana, where his remaining days were passed,





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his death there occurring in 1835. His widow long survived him, passing away in Indiana at the age of seventy-eight years. He was of Scotch-Irish lineage, while the Parkers were of one of the old families of Virginia. Five children were born to Enoch and Naomi O'Brien: George W., who was born February 24, 1823, and now resides at Corwith, Hancock county, Iowa; Stephen P., of this review; Nancy, the deceased wife of Benjamin Deal; Sarah, the deceased wife of Elmoth Jeffery; and Salina, the wife of Eli Deal, a brother of Benjamin.

Following the death of his father Stephen P. O'Brien, when sixteen years of age, removed with his mother to Clay county, Indiana, and there resided until after his marriage, when he came to Iowa. He reached the present site of the town of Ames on the 27th of October, 1852, and secured a squatter's claim on the southeast quarter of section 35, Franklin township. He was in Indiana for eight years after the Civil war but always regarded this place as his home. In his early manhood he was busily employed at the work of the farm on his mother's behalf until his patriotic spirit was aroused by the outbreak of the Mexican war and he enlisted for active service on the 15th of June, 1846, as a member of Company C, Second Indiana Infantry, under Captain John Osborne. He was on active duty under General Taylor in the battle of Buena Vista and served for one year, after which he was honorably discharged at New Orleans and arrived home on the 4th of July, 1847. He afterward engaged in teaching school for nearly two years.

Mr. O'Brien made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 19th of July, 1849, to Sarah E. Hiestand, who was born in Harrison county, Indiana, June 24, 1831. They were married in Clay county, that state, after which Mr. O'Brien engaged in farming and teaching school in Indiana until his removal to Iowa in 1852. Here he again gave his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits until the tocsin of war again called him to the scene of battle. When differences over the slavery question brought on hostilities between the north and the south he enlisted at Ames as a member of Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain L. R. Houston, on the 4th of August, 1862. He was elected first sergeant of the company, afterward promoted to second lieutenant and later became first lieutenant of the same company, with which rank he was honorably discharged at Matagorda island, Texas, on the 11th of April, 1864. He was with the Army of the Mississippi and participated in the battles of Fort Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Black River and the siege of Vicksburg. At Black River on the 17th of May, 1863, he was wounded through the left arm and also sustained a slight scalp wound, together with a slight wound in the stomach. He took part in the charge at Milliken's Bend on the 7th of June, 1863, and during the balance of the time was in the ditches in the rear of Vicksburg, where he contracted rheumatism that, growing worse with the passing years, now renders his lower limbs wholly helpless. His mind, however, is as clear and bright as

a man in the prime of life and, going about in a wheel chair, he meets with his old friends and discusses the questions and issues of the day, keeping in closer touch with the things of the present than many of much younger age.

Mr. O'Brien has always been deeply, actively and helpfully interested in public affairs and questions relative to the progress and improvement of his community. He was present at the organization and first election of Story county but lacked a few days of being old enough to vote. He was appointed by County Judge E. C. Evans as the first assessor of Story county and filled the position for a year. At the next election he was chosen school fund commissioner of the county and also served as constable for two terms, while for eight terms, or sixteen years, he filled the office of justice of the peace of Ames. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial, being based upon comprehensive knowledge of the law and the correct application of its principles. In May, 1864, he was admitted to the bar under District Judge J. C. McFarland, but has practiced only in the justice courts. His political support was originally given to the whig party until the organization of the republican party, when he supported John C. Fremont for the presidency and has since been a stalwart advocate of that party's principles. His first presidential vote was given Zachary Taylor, on which occasion he walked forty miles in order to exercise his right of franchise. That was a proud day in his life as it is to most young men casting their first vote. Mr. O'Brien not only served as justice of the peace but has also been notary public and pension attorney at Ames for many years, in which connection he has secured more than one hundred pensions for old soldiers. He has likewise conducted a real-estate and insurance office and has led a busy and useful life.

In 1864 Mr. O'Brien was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife, who died on the 24th of May of that year. They were the parents of six children: Mary Ellen, now the wife of W. J. Zenor, of Ames; Samuel Webster, of Jefferson, Iowa; Mrs. Naomi Ann Phillips, who is living in Lewiston, Montana; Nancy Alice, the wife of J. P. Jackson, of Sullivan county, Indiana; George W., of Ames; and Viola L., who became the wife of Charles H. Gidden and after his death married Fred Thomas, of Des Moines.

Twenty years after the death of his first wife Mr. O'Brien was married on the 24th of December, 1884, to Mrs. Sarah R. Hiestand, the widow of H. J. Hiestand and a daughter of Judge E. C. Evans. Mr. Hiestand was a brother of Mr. O'Brien's first wife and was one of the recruits that served under Mr. O'Brien in Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, during the Civil war. He died in the service of wounds received at Port Gibson. Mrs. O'Brien was born in Bloomington, McLean county, Illinois, January 23, 1837, and with her parents came to Story county in October, 1852, since which time she has lived in this county. Her parents were Judge Evan C. and Elizabeth D. (Blankenship) Evans.

The mother was a native of Virginia and was reared in Ohio. Her father was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and there resided until twenty-three years of age. Both went to Bloomington, Illinois, with their respective parents and were married soon after becoming acquainted there. They resided in Story county from 1852 until 1883 and then went to South Dakota to live with a daughter. Judge Evans owned a homestead in that state. He died, however, in Story county but his wife passed away in South Dakota. He was for nine years county judge of Story county and made an excellent record on the bench as a fair and impartial jurist and one thoroughly conversant with the law. In the early days of his residence in Iowa he entered land here and at different times bought and sold several farms. His family numbered nine children of whom Mrs. O'Brien is the eldest. Her brother, William C. Evans, who enlisted in August, 1863, in the Ninth Iowa Cavalry, was killed in service. By her first marriage Mrs. O'Brien had three children: Samuel E.; Alonzo B.; and Leonora, now the widow of Albert Park.

Mr. O'Brien belongs to the First Church of Christ of Ames, of which he is a charter member. He is also a charter member of Ames Lodge No. 309, I. O. O. F., and of Ellsworth Post, G. A. R. He is the only Mexican war veteran in this county and so far as is known is the only one living in Iowa. His life indeed covers a notable period in the history of the country. He has witnessed the introduction of telegraph and telephone. There was scarcely a railroad in the country at the time of his arrival here but he has lived to see this wide domain crossed and recrossed by lines that connect the Atlantic with the Pacific. He came to Story county when it was largely wild and unsettled, when its prairies were covered with their native grasses and its streams were unbridged. Here he has lived for fifty-nine years watching a notable transformation and at all times bearing his part in the work of general progress.

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#### HERBERT PEASE, M. D.

Less than seven years ago Dr. Herbert Pease began practice at Slater and he has applied himself with such capability and diligence that today his name is well known throughout this section of the state. He was born near Sandwich, Illinois, November 10, 1871, son of George W., and Adrianna (Stockholm) Pease. The father was born in Kendall county, Illinois, July 23, 1841, and the mother in the village of Fishkill, Dutchess county, New York, November 16, 1841. For some years after his marriage the father lived on a farm in La Salle county, Illinois, coming in 1881 to Collins township, Story county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land and established himself as one of the prosperous farmers of the county. He has lived retired at Collins since 1909.

Herbert Pease came with his parents to Story county when ten years of age and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending the Collins high school, Drake University and the State Normal College at Cedar Falls, Iowa. In 1890 he began teaching and continued in that vocation for ten years, during the last three years of which he served as principal of the Collins schools. He gained a reputation as one of the most accomplished teachers in the county. Having decided to devote his attention to medicine he matriculated in the medical department of the State University in the fall of 1900, and while taking the regular course of instruction spent his vacations reading under Dr. N. W. Knepper, of Collins. In 1904 he was graduated from the university with the degree of M. D. and has since practiced at Slater, being from the start unusually successful. He keeps thoroughly in touch with the latest discoveries and advances in medicine, as is indicated by his large and well selected library and also by post-graduate work at the Chicago Polyclinic in 1907 and the Philadelphia Polyclinic in 1909. He is a valued member of the Story County Medical Society and of the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 17th of January, 1906, Dr. Pease was united in marriage to Miss Lois Felshaw, a daughter of John S. Felshaw, a well known attorney of Collins, and to this union two children have been born: Adrianna and Evelyn. Dr. Pease fraternally is identified with Slater Camp, No. 7071, M. W. A., and socially is one of the leaders in the community. He early acquired habits of close study and careful observation, which he has applied in his professional career, being on this account more than ordinarily successful. A man of good judgment, high ideals, force and determination of character, he is held in great esteem by his fellowmen and meets in his chosen calling with the rewards which are due to wisely directed effort.

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#### CHARLES S. GAMBLE.

One of the best known men in agricultural circles in Story county is Charles S. Gamble, of Indian Creek township, who was born in this county on the 26th of September, 1872, a son of John D. and Elizabeth (Mullen) Gamble. His parents came to Iowa from Indiana in 1850, locating on the farm where they continued to reside until their deaths. The father was born in Tennessee on the 7th of May, 1830, but when he was seven years of age his family removed to Indiana, where he met and married Elizabeth Mullen, who was a native of Indiana, born in that state on the 8th of June, 1835. In 1856 they came to Iowa and settled in Story county, where Mr. Gamble entered from the government a portion of the farm now occupied by his son, William Marion Gamble. Upon this worthy couple devolved all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. The prairie had to be



broken, the forests cleared and roads made. Modern conveniences and machinery which are available to the residents of the country today were then unknown, the work of the farmer and his wife at that time being little more than drudgery. But despite the backsets and discouragements, drouths and wet seasons, John Gamble never faltered and at the time of his death was accounted one of the men of affluence in the community where he lived. He had added to his holdings piece by piece until at that time he was the owner of six hundred acres of well tilled and valuable farm land, every acre of which he had acquired by thrift, an unflinching purpose and indomitable energy. That he was ever highly esteemed and respected in the community where he lived for nearly forty years is indicated by his large circle of friends. He was a stanch democrat and the esteem in which he was held by his party is attested by his election to various township offices, in all of which he served to the general satisfaction of the community. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Gamble passed away on the 27th of June, 1893, at the age of sixty-three years, but Mrs. Gamble lived until the 6th of January, 1900.

Charles S. Gamble was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools and assisting his father on the farm. His time was pretty equally divided between the tasks of the school-room, work of the farm and such sports and amusements as are usually indulged in by young people. His life has never been remarkable in any way, in fact it has been very similar to those of other energetic, ambitious young men who have made the best of every opportunity afforded them of becoming good, substantial citizens. After his father's death Mr. Gamble cooperated with his brother William in the management of the farm. This partnership continued until November, 1902, when they divided the property, William remaining on the old home farm and Charles S. taking up his residence on his present farm, where he has ever since lived. His farm embraces two hundred and fifty-five acres of well tilled and valuable land and is considered to be one of the best farms in Story county.

Mr. Gamble makes a specialty of feeding cattle, preparing from six to eight carloads for the market each year. He is now feeding one hundred and twenty head. He also feeds six or seven carloads of hogs every year.

On the 4th of June, 1902, Mr. Gamble was married to Miss Maud Sutherland, a daughter of James W. and Adelaide (Bailey) Sutherland, residents of Baraboo, Wisconsin. Mrs. Gamble completed her education in the high school of Baraboo and after graduation taught for two terms prior to her marriage. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, Ruth G., Elizabeth L., and James Derrett.

Mr. Gamble is a democrat and although he does not take an active part in politics, each election sees him discharge his responsibility as a citizen by the casting of a ballot in support of the candidates of his party. He is a member of Social Lodge, No. 463, I. O. O. F., and also of the Yeomen of America. The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which the pa-

rents are members. Mr. Gamble is accounted one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of which his township has cause to be proud. Both he and his wife have hosts of friends and their home is one of the social centers of the community.

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### O. M. GROVE.

O. M. Grove is numbered among the native sons of Story county, his birth having occurred on the 12th of October, 1871, about a mile south of Roland. He is now living in that town, with the mercantile interests of which he was formerly closely associated, while at the present writing he is serving as cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank. He is a son of M. C. and Anna (Sheldahl) Grove. The father, who was born in Voss, Norway, in 1830, died May 22, 1903, in Roland, and the mother, a native of Etne, Norway, is still living in Roland. She came to the United States with her parents, Rasmus and Ingebord Sheldahl, both natives of Norway, when a little maiden of five years, the family living in Illinois until 1856, when a removal was made to Story county, where Mrs. Grove has since resided, having now for fifty-five years made her home in central Iowa. She is therefore familiar with its development and progress and has been an interested witness of what has been accomplished as the years have passed by. Her husband came direct to Story county in 1858 and spent his remaining days here, successfully following the occupation of farming until 1896, when he retired and took up his abode in Roland. Unto this worthy and highly respected couple were born six children: Martin N., who is living in Roland; Lorenda, living at home with her mother; Oscar M., of this review; Edward R., who occupies the old homestead south of the town; Mary, the wife of K. P. Teig, of Howard township, living about three miles southeast of Roland; and Emma, who for the past three years has engaged in teaching school at Collins.

Oscar M. Grove has been a lifelong resident of this county and in his youthful days devoted his time to the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the duties assigned to him by parental authority. In 1889, when a young man of about eighteen years, he left the farm and turned his attention to commercial pursuits, securing a clerkship in a hardware store in Roland. He was thus employed for eight years, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business and on the expiration of that period he purchased an interest in the store, becoming a partner in 1897. The enterprise was then conducted under the firm style of Grove Brothers, his partner being Martin N. Grove. For seven years the business was continued, and in the spring of 1904 they sold their hardware stock and have continued to deal in agricultural implements since that time under the same name, the store being managed by Martin N. Grove.

On the 1st of December, 1905, O. M. Grove entered the Farmers Savings Bank of Roland and a month later was elected cashier, which position he has since filled, his business ability and enterprising spirit contributing much to the success of the institution. He has also been one of the bank directors since 1902 and has been the owner of real estate interests in this county and also in northern Iowa, near Forest City.

On the 7th of July, 1905, Mr. Grove was married to Miss Malinda Eggland, who was born in Milford township in August, 1865, and is a daughter of Ingebrit and Julia Eggland, both of whom were born in the land of the midnight sun. They were married, however, in the United States and are now residents of Roland.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove are well known in Roland, occupying a prominent position in the social circles of the city, and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended them. Mr. Grove belongs to Kohinoor Lodge, No. 576, A. F. & A. M., of Story City, and has been a member of Trinity Lutheran church of Roland since its organization. In business he is resourceful and enterprising, readily recognizes opportunity and utilizes it. His success has been won through earnest, persistent effort, intelligently directed, and he stands today among the successful and progressive residents of Roland, his labors contributing to public progress as well as to individual prosperity.

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### J. CLIFFORD ROSS, M. D.

Starting in his profession under highly favorable circumstances, Dr. J. Clifford Ross, now of Ogden, Iowa, has entered upon a career that gives promise of a brilliant future. He is a native of Iowa, born March 4, 1885, and is a son of Frank A. and Ella (Johnson) Ross. His grandfather Ross was probably a native of Indiana, and came to Story county, Iowa, about 1855, locating in Ontario. There Frank A. Ross was reared and educated. Upon reaching manhood he entered the insurance business, with which he has ever since been identified, his territory being principally in northwestern Iowa. He is known as one of the prominent insurance men of the state and has made his home in Des Moines for the past fifteen years. His wife is a valued member of the Methodist church and is a lady of many excellent qualities of mind and heart.

J. Clifford Ross received his preliminary education in the public schools and continued his studies in the East Des Moines high school and the Drake University. In 1904 he matriculated in the medical department of Drake University, where he continued for two years, and then entered the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated with a degree of M. D. On account of his high standing in his class he was given opportunity of internship in Jefferson Hospital, St.

Louis, and was connected with that institution for one year. In July, 1910, he began practice at Slater, where he showed an ability as a physician and surgeon which attracted a steadily growing patronage. Recently, however, he removed to Ogden, Boone county, Iowa.

On the 21st of September, 1910, Dr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Edna Hendry, a daughter of J. G. Hendry, a well known banker of Bridgewater, Iowa. In addition to his professional societies Dr. Ross is prominently identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in Home Lodge, No. 370, A. E. & A. M.; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R.; and Za-ga-zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of Des Moines. He is also identified with Des Moines Lodge, No. 98, B. P. O. E. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination, but his wife holds membership in the Methodist church. Politically he gives his support to individuals rather than to party and therefore belongs to that growing class of citizens recognized as independent. Having made thorough preparation for the practice of his profession, Dr. Ross has met with marked success from the very start and he now enjoys the confidence of all who know him. Being gifted with a pleasing address he readily makes friends and is recognized as a valuable citizen not only on account of his ability in the healing art but also on account of the interest which he takes in the general welfare of the community.

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### WILLIAM K. WOOD.

One of the first pioneers of Story county, now living, was William K. Wood, who has resided in this county continuously for fifty-nine years. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, on the 10th of April, 1823, and is a son of John G. and Anna (Kennison) Wood. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Virginia, but they were both living in Ohio at the time of their marriage and continued to live there for some years after. During the boyhood of our subject, however, they removed to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where Mrs. Wood died in 1844. About ten years thereafter John G. Wood went to Iowa, locating in Story county, where he was living at the time of his demise on the 27th of January, 1870, having arrived at the venerable age of seventy-eight years. At the age of twenty he entered the service of his country being stationed on the northern frontier during our second war with Great Britain in 1812. He was a very religious man and for many years was a communicant of the Baptist church. The paternal grandfather of William K. Wood was a native of England.

Mr. Wood was reared at home, obtaining his education in the brief sessions of the district school which was held in a log schoolhouse, which, in common with those of the day, was but inadequately lighted by means of



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the tiny panes in the small windows and the ventilation and heating were equally poor, the scholars sitting near the fireplace suffering from the intense heat and those near the windows shivering with the cold.

On the 17th of October, 1847, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Melinda Corey and two years later he came west, settling in Corey Grove, Polk county, Iowa, on the 22d of June, 1849. They continued to live there for eighteen months and in the spring of 1851 removed to Story county, locating on the farm where Mr. Wood still lives. It is situated on the northeast quarter of section 16, Indian Creek township, and was originally school land. When he first settled here all grain had to be hauled to Oskaloosa, that being the nearest milling point, and it required two weeks to make the trip, owing to the distance and the poor roads, which in many instances were little more than wagon tracks across the prairie. Such conditions as these could not exist long, however, in a community where such enterprising men as Mr. Wood resided, and very shortly he and his cousin, Christopher Wood, together with Nathan Webb erected a steam mill, adapted to both grist and saw mill purposes, just north of Iowa Center. This was the first steam mill built in Story county and all of the lumber and machinery had to be hauled in wagons from Keokuk. It was of great assistance to the settlers, however, and did much to simplify living conditions being in operation for many years. Mr. Wood has ever been a progressive man, always ready to aid every movement which would in any way tend to better conditions in the community and such men always succeed, and he has not been the exception. At one time he owned thirteen hundred acres of land, which he has now divided among his children, every acre of which was acquired through his thrift, tireless energy and firm determination to win. Work was very scarce in Iowa in the early days and wages very poor. He arrived here with a sick wife and five dollars in money, but undaunted by conditions and ever hopeful he cheerfully walked eight miles to obtain two days' work and at another time he went nine miles for three days' work, for which he received eight bushels of wheat, which provided them with their bread that year.

Mrs. Wood died on the 29th of March, 1862. There were three children by this marriage but Cory died in 1863. Those living are Curtis A. and James H., two of the most prominent and successful live-stock commission merchants in Chicago. Mr. Wood was again married, his second union being with Miss Louisa Ingersoll, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of David Ingersoll. One child was born of this union, Carrie, the wife of Edwin Pizer, of St. James, Minnesota. Mrs. Wood passed away on the 3d of February, 1870, and on the 8th of the following December Mr. Wood married Mrs. Julia (Addis) Hull, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had one daughter, Queen, who is now the wife of E. P. Summers, of Oregon City, Oregon. On the 8th of May, 1874, Mrs. Wood died and later Mr. Wood married his fourth and present wife, formerly Mrs. Sarah Davis, a daughter of John M. Griffith, who came to Story county

from McDonough county, Illinois, in 1868. Mrs. Wood was born and reared in Highland county, Ohio, and by her first marriage had one child, **Ida B., the wife of Dr. Frank Thompson, of Cambridge, this county.**

Mr. Wood's political allegiance has always been given to the republican party. He voted at the first election held in Story county, the polling place being McDaniel's shanty, which stood on the east side of Indian creek. In the fall of 1868 he was elected to represent his district in the legislature and was reelected in 1870. He served on several of the most important committees, discharging his duties with great credit to himself and the constituency to whom he was indebted for his office. He has always taken an active part in local politics, serving for many years in the various township offices. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity through membership in the Nevada Lodge. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the church, he of the Baptist and she of the Methodist Episcopal, but they **worship in the Evangelical church in Iowa Center.**

Owing to his long residence in the county and his great service in the upbuilding of the community as well as his faithful and at all times capable discharge of public duties he is one of the best known and most highly esteemed and respected citizens in this district.

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#### W. J. FREED.

In the eightieth year of his age, W. J. Freed makes his home in Ames and for more than fifty-six years he has been a resident of Story county, so that he is today numbered among its honored pioneers. He was long associated with agricultural interests but some years ago put aside business cares and is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1831. His parents, Samuel and Nancy (Jones) Freed, were both natives of Pennsylvania, where the mother spent her entire life, while the father always lived in that state with the exception of his last two years, which were passed in Michigan. He was a blacksmith by trade and an excellent mechanic. He served a seven years' apprenticeship and then followed the trade throughout his entire life. His family numbered eleven sons and two daughters, all of whom reached mature years with the exception of three, while four of the sons and one daughter are yet living. After losing his first wife the **father married again and had two daughters by that union.**

W. J. Freed remained with his parents until eighteen years of age and during his youthful days worked in his father's blacksmith shop and also at farm labor for others. In 1849 he left the Keystone state and went to Porter county, Indiana, where he joined his older brother, Paul, residing there until 1854. He was married in 1852 and then began farming on his own account, but after two years removed to Story county, Iowa, where he has

since lived, becoming one of the pioneer settlers here. He remained upon the farm until September, 1892, when he removed to Ames and retired to private life but sold his farm only five years ago. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, adjoining the corporation limits of Ontario, a town four miles west of Ames. On coming to this county he entered a quarter section from the government but after cultivating it for a time sold that property and purchased the two hundred and forty acre tract, which was in a better location and had timber upon it. There he carried on general farming and stock-raising and he also bought and shipped stock to Chicago for twenty years, that constituting an important branch of his business. When he began shipping State Center was the nearest railroad point and he had to drive his stock to that place in order to make shipments. He was the first stock buyer in the county and in his business affairs he always displayed sound judgment, keen discrimination and unflinching enterprise.

While Mr. Freed successfully conducted business affairs for many years he did not concentrate his energies upon individual interests to the exclusion of all else. He has ever been mindful of his duties of citizenship and in many ways has promoted public progress. On one occasion he spent two days and one night in soliciting subscriptions in Story and Boone counties for the location of the Iowa State Agricultural College. Five counties were working very hard to secure the school, but the untiring efforts of Mr. Freed and others resulted in having the college located at Ames. One man gave thirty acres of a stone quarry and Mr. Freed opened this up and quarried the rock for the foundation for the first buildings of the college erected here. He also raised and dressed a pig which his wife roasted for the free dinner which was held on the 4th of July, 1859, to celebrate the establishment of the college, the entire countryside being invited to attend the feast.

In his political views Mr. Freed has always been a republican and an earnest worker in the party ranks. He served for fourteen years as justice of the peace and for two terms as county supervisor. While filling that position the county board located the county farm and built the first house thereon. When Mr. Freed came to Iowa the city of Ames had not been founded and there was no railroad in the locality. Goods were hauled from Keokuk and after the railroad was built to Iowa City Mr. Freed hauled goods from that point to Boonesboro, about two hundred miles, with ox teams. When he was living in Indiana he helped get out timber for the construction of the Michigan Southern, the first railroad into Chicago. He has always been on the side of progress and improvement, and his influence has been a progressive element in the general development of the community.

On the 12th of September, 1852, Mr. Freed was united in marriage to Miss Catharine D. White, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 5, 1833, and went to Indiana with her parents, James and Marjorie (Dougherty) White. Mr. and Mrs. Freed were married in Indiana and unto them

were born eight children: Valeria A., the wife of Clate Foster, of South Dakota; Mary Jane, the wife of Harvey Boughman, of Ames; Alice G., the wife of Mark Prine, of Nebraska; Arthur D., a farmer of Kelley, Iowa; Anna, the wife of William Prine, of Clinton, Iowa; Nancy Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Goldberger, of Mapleton, Iowa; Flora C., the wife of Charles Antes, of South Dakota; and Kittie B., who is a graduate of the Iowa State College and is now librarian of the public library of Ames. The daughter Alice was for three years a student in the Iowa State College. Four of the daughters have been school-teachers and all of the children are members of the Christian church.

For forty years Mr. and Mrs. Freed have held membership in the Christian church of Ames and for thirty-seven years he has been one of its elders. He has ever taken active and helpful part in the church work, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since 1850, when he supported John C. Fremont. The family residence is at No. 514 Fifth street and in addition to this Mr. Freed owns four other dwellings in Ames. He has always enjoyed good health and has been an active man. He and his family were one of a party of five families that came here together, but Mr. and Mrs. Freed are now the only representatives of the older generation now living. They have always enjoyed the warm regard, good will and confidence of those who know them and they are today among the most esteemed and venerable citizens of the county. They have witnessed many changes here, for at the time of their arrival Story county was largely an unimproved and unsettled district. They have seen towns and villages spring up, farms entered and improved and the work of general progress carried steadily forward.

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### CARL A. ROSENFELD.

Carl A. Rosenfeld, a representative and prominent agriculturist of Story county was born December 10, 1875, upon his present farm on section 33, Washington township, about a mile north of Kelley, and has always resided here, his time and energies being now given to the cultivation of a place of one hundred and ninety acres on section 33, and also to a portion of a tract of three hundred and seventy acres which belongs to him, his mother and sister. It is known as the Rosengift farm and is devoted to stock-raising.

His parents were George and Louise (Fritch) Rosenfeld, the former a native of Baden and the latter of Saxony, Germany. The father was born June 4, 1824, and in early manhood served for three years in the German army. He was a schoolmate of General Siegel, the distinguished German citizen, and because of his active participation in the revolution of 1848



sought a home and liberty in America and won distinction here by his service in the Civil war. George Rosenfeld learned the mason's trade in his native land where he remained until 1855, when he crossed the Atlantic to New York. The same year he was married there to Louise Fritch and soon afterward they removed to Morrison, Illinois, where he worked at his trade until 1873, when he came with his family to Story county and settled upon the farm which is now the family homestead and upon which he resided until his death, which occurred on the 6th of March, 1902. He was a very successful agriculturist, capably managing his business affairs and making other investments in property until he was the owner of five hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land in this county at the time of his death, including the tract which is now cultivated by his son Carl. The father devoted his time to general farming and stock feeding. His wife, who still survives him, was born in Saxony, Germany, January 3, 1855. She is now a resident of Ames. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: Lester G., who is living a mile south of the Rosen-gift farm and half a mile east of Kelley on a part of the old home place; Clara, the wife of R. W. Crane, of Trenton, Missouri; Carl A.; and Minnie, the wife of C. L. Severly, of Ames.

Carl A. Rosenfeld spent his youthful days on the old homestead, and his experiences were those which usually fall to the farm lad. He pursued his education in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields under the direction of his father, so that his training well qualified him to take charge of a farm of his own when he started out in life independently. He is now extensively and successfully engaged in the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle and in 1909 sold an Angus bull calf, Prince Pride, which was the first Aberdeen Angus to be shipped from the United States to the Argentine Republic, being sold direct by Mr. Rosenfeld to South American parties. He has made exhibitions of stock at the international stock shows at Chicago for the past four years. He has been engaged in stock-breeding since 1902 and keeps from thirty to one hundred head of Aberdeen Angus cattle upon his place. He is also engaged in breeding Poland China hogs, Belgium horses and Plymouth Rock chickens. All lines of his stock are registered and all are thoroughbreds except some stock which he feeds for general market. His whole time is devoted to the stock business, and he has sold some very fine cattle, horses and hogs. The calf which he shipped to South America brought six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the 20th of March, 1901, Mr. Rosenfeld was married to Miss Anna E. Johnston, who was born in Ogden, Iowa, September 4, 1882, and is a daughter of Louis and Marie Hermanson, natives of Denmark. Mrs. Rosenfeld lost her mother while an infant and was reared by John Johnston, taking his name. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfeld have been born three children, George Albert, Louise Marie and Clyde Lester.

The family is prominent in the community and Mr. Rosenfeld occupies a leading position among the stock-raisers of this part of the state, conducting a business of extensive proportions and regarded throughout Iowa as an authority upon Aberdeen Angus cattle. He is a most energetic man, and his well formulated plans indicate sound judgment and keen discrimination.

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#### DANIEL GUY MILLS, M. D.

Dr. Daniel Guy Mills, who for fifteen years has engaged in the general practice of medicine at McCallsburg, progressing continuously by reason of his broadening experience and wide reading and study, was born in Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, July 7, 1861, but from the age of five years has been a resident of Story county.

It was in 1866 that his parents, Edward Clark and Levantia D. (Guy) Mills, came to Iowa. They were natives of New York, the former born at Cohoes and the latter at Guilford. Mr. Mills was of English lineage, his parents having reached Cohoes only a short period before his birth. He was a son of Daniel and Sarah Mills, who after living for some time in the Empire state removed westward to Ottawa, Illinois, when Edward C. Mills was a youth of seventeen years. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Levantia D. Guy, who when fifteen years of age went to East Pawpaw, Illinois, with her parents, George and Rebecca (Keith) Guy. Her mother was born in Ireland of Scotch parentage. After living in Illinois until 1866 Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Mills came to Story county, Iowa, settling near Iowa Center, in Indian Creek township. The father died there when but forty-two years of age, and the mother, long surviving him, passed away in this county in 1907, at the age of seventy. Mr. Mills had followed farming as a life work and was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Indian Creek township. The family numbered eight children: Daniel G.; William E., who is living in Maxwell, Iowa; Ida, who died at the age of eighteen months; Lela A., the wife of L. E. Byers, who resides at Sante Fe on the Isle of Pines, in the West Indies; Frank W., a practicing physician at Ottumwa, Iowa; Charles C., who is located in Oklahoma; Rose A., the wife of John E. Douglas, of Polk county; and Levantia D., also residing at the Isle of Pines, in the West Indies.

Reared upon the old homestead farm in Indian Creek township, Dr. Mills had the usual experiences of farm boys, working in the fields when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom and learning many lessons from close contact with nature. Desirous of securing a broader education than had hitherto been afforded him, he entered the Iowa State University of Iowa City in 1882 and, electing to pursue the medical course, was grad-

uated M. D. from that institution in the spring of 1896. He then began practice in McCallsburg, where he has since been located, and throughout the intervening years has enjoyed a large and growing practice, indicative of the confidence reposed in his skill and ability by his fellow townsmen. He is conscientious in the performance of all professional duties, carefully diagnoses his cases and his judgment is rarely, if ever, at fault. He keeps in close touch with the advancement of the profession through his membership in the Story County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society.

In 1882 Dr. Mills was married to Miss Sarah L. Morrison, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, April 15, 1862, a daughter of John A. and Fannie J. (Wilson) Morrison, who came to this county when Mrs. Mills was about fifteen years of age, settling in Collins township. The father is now deceased, while the mother resides in Rhodes, Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Mills have become the parents of four children. Guy Wilson, the eldest, now editor of the *Zearing Advocate*, married Leila E. Peck and has two children, Carrol B. and Lawrence G. John Clark, editor of the *McCallsburg Tribune*, wedded Myrtle R. Marsh and had two children: Everard C., now deceased; and Linn Edward. Altha May is the wife of C. T. Knutson, of McCallsburg, and has one son, Chester Andrew. Edward William, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Dr. Mills holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. His political allegiance is stanchly given to the republican party and he is an active and helpful worker in its ranks. He served for four years as county coroner but otherwise has not sought office, for his professional duties make constant demand upon his time and attention. He is widely recognized as an able physician and in his practice conforms at all times to a high standard of professional ethics.

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#### PHILIP ALLEN.

Philip Allen, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on section 22, Milford township, was born in Randolph county, Indiana, April 24, 1854, his parents being Philip and Louisa Allen. His father died of cholera during the infancy of his son and namesake, and the boy was left an orphan when but a year old, at the mother's death. He was the youngest of four children, the others being: George W., a farmer living at Mackinaw, Illinois; Mary, a resident of Winchester, Indiana, who is the widow of Moses Conyers, a Civil war veteran; and Ella, the wife of William Denton, also of Winchester, Indiana.

After the death of his parents, Philip Allen was reared by other people until about fifteen years of age, when he started out in life on his own account. From that time on he practically had no home until he made one

of his own. Indeed, he earned his living from the age of ten years, working at farm labor by the month in Indiana and Illinois until 1890, when he came to Iowa. During the period of his residence in Illinois, he lived in Tazewell county, until four years prior to his removal to Iowa, which period he spent in Iroquois county. In 1890 he purchased his present farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Milford township, and in the intervening period of fifteen years he has carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. The past year he has rented his land, but during nearly the entire period of his residence in Iowa he has personally cultivated the fields, which he has brought under a high state of improvement, adding all of the accessories and equipments of the model farm of the twentieth century.

In 1874 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rulon, who was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, May 9, 1855, a daughter of Caleb Rulon. Unto them have been born five children: Frank, who is living at Zeering, Warren township; Sadie, the wife of M. L. Sower, of Milford township; Iva, who became the wife of Henry Hopper and died August 3, 1910, leaving twin sons, Harold Allen and Harlan Eugene, who were born July 27, 1910; George, a law student of the Chicago Law University, who was graduated from the Liberal Arts College of the University of Illinois before entering upon his law course; and May, the wife of C. A. Chitty, a farmer of Milford township.

Mr. Allen holds membership with the Presbyterian church of Nevada and is most loyal to its teachings and principles. There were many hard and trying experiences in his youth, but he learned the difficult lesson that integrity and character are worth more in the world than advancement and success. He therefore guided his life along the lines of straightforward, honorable manhood and has not only won a creditable name but also a goodly measure of prosperity, for his industry, reliability and perseverance brought to him the substantial rewards of labor, and he is now one of the well-to-do farmers of his community.

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#### WILLIAM ROBERT HEATH.

Thirty three years ago William Robert Heath, a descendant of good pioneer American stock, came to Story county, and as he and his wife now own a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty acres in Collins township, he sees no cause to regret taking up his home in Iowa. He was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, April 10, 1835, a son of John A. and Sarah (Glass) Heath, the former of whom was a native of South Carolina and the latter of Clark county, Indiana, where they were married. After their marriage the young couple were conveyed by the father-in-law to a portion of Hamilton county, Indiana, which up to that time had not been settled





MR. AND MRS. W. R. HEATH





Their household goods were unloaded in the midst of the virgin forest and there Mr. Heath built a log cabin in which he and his bride took up their residence. He cleared away the timber and as the years passed became the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Hamilton county, Indiana, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was born June 16, 1803, and departed this life September 20, 1888, at the age of eighty-five years. The mother was born July 5, 1806, and passed away January 8, 1864, being about fifty-eight years of age. Mr. Heath was originally a whig and upon the organization of the republican party became one of its staunch supporters. Through his high character and unselfish interest in the welfare of others he made a lasting impression upon all who knew him. He and his wife were devout Christians and were active workers in the United Brethren church.

William Robert Heath was educated in the little log schoolhouse of the neighborhood in which he was reared and after he had advanced as far as possible in his studies in the district school his father purchased a scholarship in the United Brethren College at Hartsville, which he urged his son to make use of. The latter, however, was determined to learn a trade and instead of securing a college education he was at eighteen years of age apprenticed to a cabinet-maker. He applied himself assiduously to the trade for fourteen years, also becoming an undertaker and making all the coffins himself which he disposed of during that time. In 1866 he turned his attention to farming and rented the old homestead which he cultivated for twelve years. The west presented inducements which Mr. Heath could not well resist and accordingly in 1878 he came to Collins township, Story county, and for three years engaged in farming on rented land. Having prospered in his work, he bought the old Benjamin Shenkle homestead, to which he removed in 1881, making it his permanent place of residence. He has carried on general farming, sparing no pains to secure the best results from his work. Being very thorough in everything he undertakes, he has brought the farm to a high state of cultivation and has one of the model places of the township.

On the 9th of December, 1855, Mr. Heath was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Shenkle, a daughter of Benjamin Shenkle, of Story county, a record of whom is found in the sketch of his son, W. T. B. Shenkle, which appears elsewhere in this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heath six children have been born, four of whom are now living, namely: Etta, the wife of Loren Fowler, of Baxter, Iowa; Belle, at home; John M., of Meridian, Oklahoma; and Halleck F., also at home.

Mr. Heath cast his first vote for John C. Fremont for president of the United States and he has never departed from his allegiance to the republican party, having firm faith that its principles are better adapted than those of any other political organization to advance the prosperity of the entire country. He has never aspired to public office, preferring the quiet channels of private life to the turmoil of political affairs, and each day he has

attempted to perform his duties as they arose according to the best of his ability. Mrs. Heath has been a valued assistant to her husband and is prominently identified with the social interests of the community, being also an active member of the United Brethren church. Mr. and Mrs. Heath have many friends in Story county who greatly esteem them for their genial qualities.

### WILLARD MORRIS.

Willard Morris is a remarkably well preserved man of eighty-five years, still active both in mind and body, giving his time and attention to the cultivation of a farm of fifty acres which is situated on section 27, Franklin township. He previously owned a much larger amount but has sold a portion of his land. He was born in Lebanon, Madison county, New York, June 21, 1825, his parents being William and Emma (Rice) Morris, who spent the greater part of their lives in the Empire state. They were probably natives of Massachusetts but both died in New York where the father had followed the shoemaker's trade for many years and also engaged to some extent in farming. Their children were William, Catharine, Mary Ann, John, Willard, Jonathan, Abigail, Cornelia and two who died in infancy.

Willard Morris is the only one of the family now living. His boyhood and youth were spent in the east and he resided in Madison county, New York, until 1854, when he sought the opportunities of the growing west, making his way to Chatham, Sangamon county, Illinois. In that locality he worked on a farm by the month. He had made the journey across the country with a horse team from New York to Illinois and although he had no capital at the time he hoped, by earnest labor and unfaltering diligence, to become the possessor of a comfortable competence. He continued to work at farm labor for three years in Sangamon county and in February, 1857, went to McLean county, Illinois, where he spent a year devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, but the following year he became a resident of Whiteside county, Illinois, where he cultivated a rented farm. In 1875 he took up his abode in Story county, Iowa, where he has since resided, his time and energies being given to the cultivation and improvement of his present farm which now comprises fifty acres of rich and arable land. In former years he was much more extensively engaged in general agricultural pursuits but because of advanced age has sold one hundred and sixty acres of his property. His remarkable preservation of his powers, however, enables him to continue the work on the homestead although he is now eighty-five years of age.

In 1850 in Lebanon, New York, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Leonard, who was born April 13, 1831, in New York, and

died in Story county, January 20, 1907. In their family were seven children: Addie, the wife of Chester Davis, of Franklin township; Ella, the wife of L. G. Rosenfeld, who is living in Washington township; Josephine, who is the widow of William Kinnan and resides with her father; Walter L. and Frank E., who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Gertrude, a school teacher residing with her father; and L. R. Morris, who is proprietor of a livery stable at Ames. Mr. Morris is also rearing a boy, John Cocklin, who was born February 8, 1906. His father was killed by the cars when the child was but two weeks old, at which time he became a member of the Morris household. He is the pet of Mrs. Kinnan, who resides with her father.

During the period of his residence here Mr. Morris has ever enjoyed and merited the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens and today is one of the most honored as well as one of the venerable residents of the county. Few would realize, however, from his appearance that he has passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey, for he possesses the vigor of many a man of younger years and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime.

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### CURTIS R. WICK.

Having had extensive experience in various lines of business, Curtis R. Wick, cashier of the Exchange State Bank of Collins, was thoroughly prepared for the responsibility he assumed when in August, 1909, he entered upon his present duties. He is well acquainted with human nature and few men of his age have had a better opportunity of observing business methods or becoming familiar with the resources of the country, hence he has been highly successful in the conduct of financial affairs.

Born in Monmouth, Illinois, February 27, 1861, he is a son of Chambers and Catherine (Foster) Wick, both of whom were natives of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. They were married in their native county and about 1858 removed to Warren county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming. He departed this life about a year after his son was born, and the mother subsequently returned to her native state but five years later once more resumed her residence in Warren county, where she continued until her death in 1888.

Curtis R. Wick received his preliminary education in the common schools and later attended the Northern Illinois Normal School and the Dixon Business College. At the age of twenty-two years he became clerk in a store at Lafayette, Indiana, a position which he held for five years, when he went to Bartley, Nebraska, and engaged in general mercantile business for one year. His next employment was in the fresh meat shipping department of the Lincoln Packing & Provision Company at Lincoln,

Nebraska. He was in charge of this department for four years and then came to Manilla, Iowa, as bill clerk for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and assistant agent of the United States Express Company. About three years later he removed to Collins as local manager of the Neola Elevator Company, and having become thoroughly acquainted with this line of business was made traveling auditor of the company, which position he held for five and one-half years. In August, 1909, he resigned to accept the position of cashier of the Exchange State Bank and has discharged his duties in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of officers and patrons of the institution.

In 1884 Mr. Wick was united in marriage to Miss Helen Williams, of Lafayette, Indiana, and three children were born to this union, two of whom are now living: Beulah, the wife of O. H. Gearhart, of Collins township; and Wallace, who is now a student of Highland Park College at Des Moines. The mother of these children dying in October, 1898, Mr. Wick was married in June, 1910, to Mrs. Hattie Campbell, the widow of Charles E. Campbell and formerly Miss Hattie Carver.

Mr. Wick ever since arriving at voting age has cast his ballot for the republican party. He is a member of Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M.; Green Lodge, No. 315, I. O. O. F., of Jefferson, Iowa; Jefferson Encampment, No. 103; and Crescent Camp, No. 2358, M. W. A. He and his estimable wife are also connected with the Order of the Eastern Star and the Royal Neighbors. He is an active worker in the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee, while Mrs. Wick holds membership in the Christian church. He is a busy man but he always has time to extend a helping hand to one less fortunate than himself and is justly held in high regard wherever he is known, his success being the merited result of a wisely directed energy.

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### THOMAS S. ERICKSON.

Although the home of Thomas S. Erickson stands within the corporation limits of Roland, it is situated upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of which all but forty acres lies within the boundaries of the city. His holdings elsewhere make him one of the extensive landowners of this part of the county, and from his property he derives a substantial annual income, resulting largely from the care and labor which he bestows upon his place in keeping with the progressive spirit of the age. He is practical in all that he does and his plans are well formulated. System characterizes all of his undertakings, and his methods will at all times bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

Mr. Erickson was born in the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having there occurred in La Salle county on the 1st of November, 1862.



His parents were Solomon and Anna (Hoagland) Erickson, who were natives of Imsland, Norway, where they were reared and married. In the spring of 1857 they arrived in Illinois, bringing with them their little daughter Anna. Establishing their home in La Salle county, they were residents of that locality until they came to Story county, Iowa, in the spring of 1868. Settling in Milford township the father devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred January 12, 1889, when he was fifty-three years of age. His widow remained upon the farm until 1900, when she removed to Roland where she now resides. Mr. Erickson was the owner of two hundred and fifty-three acres of land, all of which was cultivated and improved by him, his labors converting it into one of the fine farms of the district. He was an active and devoted member of the Lutheran church, and his upright, honorable life won him kindly regard. The family numbered six children: Anna, now the wife of O. C. Hoagland, of Marshalltown, Iowa. Elizabeth, the wife of H. J. Amondson, of Howard township; Thomas S.; Ole J., who is living in Roland; Ira, a resident of Howard township; and Sarah, the wife of L. M. Olson, of Roland.

Amid the usual conditions and environment of farm life Thomas S. Erickson spent his youthful days. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and he worked in the fields with his father up to the time of his marriage, when he removed to a farm adjoining the old home place, having in 1887 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. A laudable ambition to attain success prompted him to bend every energy toward the development and improvement of his place which he continued to cultivate until 1894, when he sold that property and invested in two hundred and forty acres in Warren township. There he resided until the spring of 1903, when he removed to his present place within the corporation limits of Roland. He has in this farm a quarter section of which one hundred and twenty acres lies within the corporation limits of the town. He also retains the two hundred and forty-acre tract in Warren township and is the owner of eighty acres of timber within the corporation limits of Story City, so that his possessions aggregate four hundred and eight acres. Both farms are well improved and indicate his careful supervision and progressive, practical methods. Moreover, he is a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Roland and his energy and determination have classed him with the representative business men of his part of the county.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Erickson was married May 25, 1893, to Maggie Hegland, who was born in Roland, March 19, 1875, a daughter of Michael and Carolina (Larson) Hegland, both of whom were natives of Norway but are now residents of Roland. The children of this marriage are: Stella, who was born August 1, 1894; Maurice, born October 12, 1896; Lester, who was born October 7, 1898, and died at the age of six months; Gladys, born December 12, 1900; Laurence, born Sep-

tember 19, 1906; and Fern and Flora, twins, who were born July 3, 1909. The latter died when but a month old.

The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and are people of genuine personal worth, highly esteemed throughout the community. Both belong to old and honored pioneer families of which they are worthy representatives. Mr. Erickson votes with the republican party, and in matters of citizenship his influence is always found on the side of reform and improvement, while in every relation of life he stands for justice, truth and right.

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### FRED C. McCALL.

Prominent among the enterprising business men of Nevada is Fred C. McCall, now filling the position of postmaster and long a well known and popular resident of this city. He was born on October 7, 1868, a son of Captain Thomas Clifton and Mary A. (Boynton) McCall, and the grandson of Samuel W. and Ann (Clifton) McCall. The great-grandfather, Thomas Clifton, served in the Revolutionary war for seven years, doing duty under General Green most of the time. He participated in the battle of Cowpens and in other important engagements. Samuel W. McCall was a soldier of the war of 1812 and was wounded in battle, a ball striking him in the arm. He was a son of another Samuel McCall who was a soldier in the American army in the war for independence. The family is of Scotch-Irish lineage and was founded in America by three brothers who were Scotchmen but came from the North of Ireland to the new world.

Captain Thomas Clifton McCall, the father of Fred McCall, was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 4, 1827, and in 1836, when a small boy, came to Iowa with his parents. The summer was passed at Burlington, after which they removed to Canton, Illinois, where they remained for ten years. In the fall of 1846 they became residents of Polk county, Iowa, where they spent about a decade. Thomas C. McCall accompanied his parents on their various removals and while living in Polk county was married, his first union being with Miss Garret. He then located at Des Moines and afterward at Sioux City and Council Bluffs, where he was engaged in the land business. In 1858 he came to Nevada, where he resided until his death, and through much of the period of his residence here he carried on a real estate business. He was reared in the faith of the whig party and upon the organization of the republican party joined its ranks, giving to it earnest and stalwart support. He became a recognized leader in political circles in Story county and was a member of the ninth general assembly, also of the nineteenth and twentieth assemblies and was a member of the state senate, representing Boone and Story counties at the time

of his death. The portrait of Captain Thomas Clifton McCall hangs in the gallery of Iowa's distinguished citizens in the state Historical building at Des Moines, Iowa. At one time he was a member of the state central committee and did everything in his power to further the interests of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles as factors in good government. He was for many years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for a long period was an elder in the Presbyterian church. His business affairs were most carefully conducted and by judicious investment he became an extensive landowner, having over three thousand acres at one time. By his first marriage he had one son, John A., now a practicing attorney at Des Moines. After losing his first wife he wedded Mary A. Boynton and unto them were born three children: Minnie Ellen, now the wife of A. E. Cronenwett, of Monrovia, California; Fred C., of this review; and Edward M., an attorney of Nevada. For his third wife the father chose Clara Kennedy, of Carrollton, Ohio, and she is now a resident of Nevada. There was one son of this marriage who died at the age of five years.

In the public schools of Nevada, Iowa, Fred C. McCall pursued his education until he had completed the course, except the last term, leaving the high school to enter the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, in February, 1884. He afterward spent a summer in Colorado and about a year in California, and upon his return to Nevada engaged in the real estate business in connection with his father, the partnership continuing from 1889 until the father's death on the 11th of August, 1892. Fred C. McCall then continued in the real estate business under his own name, operating quite extensively in property here until appointed postmaster of Nevada on the 1st of February, 1902. He took charge of the office on the 1st of March, 1902, and has filled the position to the present time, having been twice reappointed. He is, moreover, well known in financial circles of this city as a director of the First National Bank, to which office he was elected six years ago. His business enterprise makes him a valued factor of the community, and he has brought to his official duties the same progressive spirit and close application which characterizes the conduct of his private business.

On the 2d of September, 1890, Mr. McCall was married to Miss Alice Klove, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Edwin Klove, of Nevada, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Her death occurred in February, 1891, and on the 7th of May, 1895, Mr. McCall was joined in wedlock to Edith V. Ferner, who was born in this city and is a daughter of James D. Ferner, who was postmaster here prior to Mr. McCall's appointment to the office and is now deceased. His widow survives him and still makes her home in Nevada. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. McCall has been blessed with two children, Thomas Clifton and Elva Hazel.

Reared in the faith of the republican party, Mr. McCall has seen no cause to change his allegiance since arriving at adult age, for mature judgment sanctions that course, and he therefore gives to it stalwart support. In 1896 he served as chairman of the county central committee. When but twenty-one years of age he was elected township clerk and filled the position for a term—his first political office. He has also been a member of the Nevada school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, holding membership in Excalibur Commandery, K. T., at Boone, and is a charter member of Za-ga-zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. His connections with the blue lodge and chapter are at Nevada and he also belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge in Nevada. He has a very wide acquaintance in the state which has always been his home, and his substantial qualities have won for him the high and enduring regard of many friends. He is recognized as a man true to every trust reposed in him, and whether in office or out of it he displays the qualities of public-spirited citizenship in his loyalty to the general good.

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### O. M. JOHNSON.

No obstacles seem too great for some indomitable spirits to overcome and the life histories of many men in this work indicate that a young man may attain practically any position in the business world he may desire provided he thoroughly prepares himself and steadfastly perseveres. O. M. Johnson, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, came to America from a foreign land a poor boy; to day he has attained a handsome competence and is one of the honored men of Story county, who represent the best citizenship. He was born in Norway, February 25, 1850, son of John and Rachel (Halverson) Johnson, both of whom passed their entire lives in Norway.

O. M. Johnson acquired his early education in the schools of his native land and also had the advantage of one year's attendance at Augsburg School at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Being ambitious as a boy to attain an honorable place in life even though he should be obliged to take up his home among strangers, he came to America when sixteen years of age. After spending one year in La Salle county, Illinois, he was attracted to Story county, Iowa, where he worked for two or three years as a farm laborer, at the same time becoming acquainted with the language and customs of the country. In 1871 he secured a position with Baldwin & Maxwell, merchants of Cambridge, and for about four years drove a team for that firm. However, he was on the lookout for a more promising position, which proved to be a clerkship in the store of J. D. Brizley, of Cambridge, in which position he continued for about five years, then going to Sheldahl as clerk in the store of Nelson & Erslund for two years. Returning to





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Cambridge, he began on his own account in the mercantile business under title of O. M. Johnson & Company, selling out six years later in order to accept a position at Sheldahl under the employ of Oley Nelson, formerly senior member of the firm of Nelson & Ersland. In the summer of the same year Mr. Nelson removed his business to Slater and Mr. Johnson went with him, continuing until 1894, when he rented Mr. Nelson's elevator at Slater and became identified with the grain business, purchasing the elevator in 1903. In 1904 Mr. Johnson bought from John Valland his elevator and lumber yard at Huxley and since that time has been one of the leading men of business in the community.

In 1879 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Alice Larson, a native of Norway, who located in Illinois in 1867 and came to Story county, Iowa, in 1875. Eight children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, four of whom are now living, namely: Joseph, now superintendent of the city playgrounds of Dayton, Ohio; Rebecca, a teacher of music in the Jewell Lutheran College; Martin, cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Alleman, Iowa; and Lennie, now attending the Jewell Lutheran College.

Mr. Johnson is a man who fearlessly follows his convictions in political matters and having observed the evil effects of the saloon he is a staunch advocate of prohibition. That his neighbors have great confidence in his judgment is evinced by the fact that he is now serving his third term as mayor of Huxley and for six years past has been a valued member of the school board, having assisted very materially in the erection of the new school building. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church. He has from the beginning of his career been remarkably energetic and wide-awake, and whatever rewards he has achieved have come to him as the result of his own well directed efforts.

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### WILLIAM GATES.

Nevada has been signally favored in the class of men who have filled her public offices, for on the whole they have been practical business men who have brought to the discharge of their official duties the same keen insight and spirit of enterprise which characterizes their conduct of private interests. In a history of those whose records have been creditable and beneficial to the city mention should be made of William Gates, who is now Nevada's chief executive and one whose ability and fidelity are strongly manifest by the fact that he is now serving in the office for the fifth term.

He was born in Ireland, on the 17th of March, 1842, and is a son of John and Katharine (Conigan) Gates, who were likewise natives of the Emerald isle but in 1845 sailed for Canada, establishing their home at Niagara-on-the-Lake. They brought with them their five children, but the

mother died soon after their arrival. The father kept the children together for a few years but they later separated, as one after another started out in business life. The father continued his residence in Canada until his death, which occurred in 1869. The five children of the family are: John, who died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Margaret, who died in Los Angeles, California; Jennie, the widow of Dr. E. H. Akin and a resident of Oakland, California; William, of this review; and Maria, the widow of William Taber, of Minneapolis.

William Gates was only three years of age when brought by his parents to the new world. He resided at Niagara, Canada, until twelve years of age, when he took up his abode in the vicinity of Hamilton, where he resided until the spring of 1865. In that year he came direct to Nevada where he has resided continuously since. At twelve years of age he began learning the blacksmith trade which he followed until January 1, 1900, and has worked to some extent at the trade since that time in connection with his sons who succeeded him to the business here. In 1895 he built a brick shop forty by sixty feet and two stories in height. For many years he carried on a very extensive business because of his expert workmanship and his honorable dealing. He now owns two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land four miles southwest of Nevada, which he has improved and from which he derives a substantial annual income, his farm being the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift.

In 1864 Mr. Gates was married at Hamilton, Ontario, to Miss Agnes Malloy, a native of Scotland born November 1, 1844. With her parents she went to Canada in her girlhood days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gates there were born two children while residents of Canada while two others were added to the family after the removal to Iowa. The eldest, Janette, died at the age of one year and five months. W.R. is conducting the blacksmith shop at this place. Mabel J. is a school teacher at Longmont, Colorado, and Fred E. is a blacksmith of Beech, North Dakota. The two sons learned their trade with their father and Fred followed blacksmithing in Nevada until February, 1910, when he removed to his present place of residence.

Mr. Gates is a stalwart advocate of republican principles, supporting the party since he became a naturalized citizen of the United States. He has served as township trustee of Nevada township for several terms and was called to more important office in his election as mayor of the city. He is now serving for the fifth term in this capacity and has made a splendid record. Continued reelection is an indication of the confidence and trust reposed in an individual and of his fidelity to that trust. Abraham Lincoln said: "You may fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." The truth of this is nowhere so strongly manifest as in politics, for untrustworthiness and lack of ability will surely be found out and will awaken opposition. That Mr. Gates has been again and again elected to the office of chief executive proves that he has given to the city

a public-spirited and businesslike administration which receives the indorsement of the general public. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Nevada. Excalibur Commandery, K. T., at Boone, Iowa; and Za-ga-zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. He is regarded as an exemplary representative of the craft, and no history of Nevada would be complete without the record of his life, so worthily has he borne himself as a factor in its public affairs and in the progress of the city.

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### OBADIAH D. ALLEN.

For more than three decades Obadiah D. Allen was numbered among the worthy citizens of Story county and those who knew him entertained for him warm regard, for he was always straightforward in business, living peaceably with his fellowmen and sought at all times the welfare and progress of the community. He was born in Fairview township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of September, 1836, his parents being Lorenzo D. and Jane (Culbertson) Allen, the former a native of Otsego county, New York, and the latter probably of Erie county, Pennsylvania, where both died. On leaving the Empire state the father walked to Pennsylvania, driving before him an ox team. He followed farming, devoting his entire life to that pursuit. His family numbered seven children: Joshua, now deceased; L. C., of Franklin township, who came to this county in 1868; Obadiah E.; Andrew, who served for three years in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and is now deceased; Ebenezer, who was killed in the battle of Gettysburg; Mary, who died in childhood; and Martha, the wife of Jay Frances, of Erie county, Pennsylvania.

Obadiah D. Allen remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age and then removed westward to Wisconsin, but after a short time returned to Erie county and was there married in 1862. He afterward went to Branch county, Michigan, where he lived for six years, and in 1868 came to Story county, Iowa, settling in Franklin township, where he resided until his death, which occurred February 23, 1899. He was a life-long farmer and was the owner of an excellent property of one hundred and twenty acres about a mile north of College.

In 1862 Mr. Allen was married to Miss Sarah S. Strickland, who was born at East Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York, May 27, 1840, and there resided until ten years of age, when she went to Erie county, Pennsylvania, with her parents, William and Betsy (Wadsworth) Strickland. Her father, who was born in England, October 23, 1808, came to the United States when about twenty years of age and died at the age of seventy-one. He was a miller by trade. His wife was born near Rome,

New York, January 6, 1806, and died in Erie county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1882. She was related to the well known Wadsworth family of Geneseo, New York, and her brother, Lee Wadsworth, is still living at the age of over ninety years and is one of the wealthy residents of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland had five children: William W., who died March 7, 1909; Sarah S.; Harriet L., the wife of L. O. Eldridge, of Springfield, Erie county, Pennsylvania; J. F., who died in 1873; and Kittie O., also of Springfield, Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Allen were born five children: Edgar S., of Rocky Ford, Colorado; Edwin E., the twin brother of Edgar S., and a resident of Cambria, Iowa; Hattie M., the wife of W. R. Dodds, a farmer of this county; William D., a railway engineer of Dubuque, Iowa; and Hugh, a brick-mason of Ames.

In his political views Mr. Allen was a Lincoln republican. He kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day and was a public-spirited citizen but never sought nor desired office save in connection with the schools. He belonged to the Grange and lived a quiet and uneventful but useful life, which gained him the kindly regard of his fellowmen. He was in the sixty-third year of his age at the time of his death, February 23, 1899, and was not only deeply mourned by his family but also by his many friends.

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### NEHEMIAH H. NELSON.

Among the extensive landowners of Story county is Nehemiah H. Nelson, who was born in Hardin county, Iowa, on the 12th of September, 1880. His father, Henry Nelson, was born in Norway in 1854 but decided that the United States afforded far better prospects than the old country and therefore in 1875 he emigrated. He remained on the Atlantic coast a short time and then made his way to Hamilton county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, and later lived for a time near what is now the village of Randall. In 1880 he removed to Hardin county, where he lived for ten years, and then located in Radcliffe but after five years' residence in the latter place he returned to Hamilton county, where he continues to live. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Peterson and to them were born the following children: Nehemiah H.; Helen E., who married S. V. Van Winkle, of Eagle Grove, Iowa; and Tobie A., the wife of E. C. Henck, of Iowa Falls, Iowa. Mrs. Nelson passed away in 1886, and the father later married Miss Cecelia Onstean, his present wife, and they have become the parents of five children: Gertie, Lloyd, Lilas, Otis and Mamie.

Nehemiah H. Nelson acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of Hardin county and later he attended Jewell Lutheran College at Jewell, Iowa, where he took a commercial course. After his graduation in 1899 he came to McCallsburg, being employed in the bank for seven



years, but at the end of that time he engaged in the real-estate, insurance and loan business. Mr. Nelson has been quite successful in all of his undertakings and has acquired three hundred and twenty acres of land in Warren township and several hundred acres in South Dakota.

Mr. Nelson completed his plans for a home by his marriage to Miss Annie Guthrie, and to this union two children have been born: Lucille and Ilo. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of American and votes the republican ticket. He takes quite an active interest in local politics.

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### THOMAS E. POSEGATE.

The majority of travelers who reach Story county today come in Pullman parlor cars, equipped with nearly all of the conveniences and luxuries which one may obtain at home. Thomas E. Posegate, however, drove across the country with team and wagon for no railroads had been built in this section at that time and the seeds of civilization had scarcely been planted within the borders of the county. Here and there a settlement had been made but much of the land was still in possession of the government, and there was little to indicate that the county would soon become a populous and prosperous region.

Mr. Posegate was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 27th of August, 1833, his parents being Thomas and Charity (Hayworth) Posegate, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. They afterward removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, where they spent their remaining days upon a farm. Their family numbered sixteen children, eight of whom lived to years of maturity.

Thomas E. Posegate spent his youth in the usual manner of farm lads in Illinois during the pioneer period. His educational opportunities were limited to the advantages afforded in the public schools but his training at farm labor was not meager. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he took his place in the fields and worked from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He resided at home until his marriage, which was celebrated in 1852, Miss Martha A. Seal becoming his wife. She was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, October 10, 1836, and was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Trowser) Seal, who were natives of Ohio. Her father died in Illinois but her mother spent her last years in Story county.

It was in the year 1854 that Mr. and Mrs. Posegate came to Iowa. They drove across the country from their old home in Illinois to Warren county, where they spent the winter, and in the spring of 1855 they continued their journey to Story county, settling at Ballard Grove, Mr. Posegate entering one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land near the grove in Palestine township. He never resided upon that place, however, but

had a small tract of land in the grove, for at that day people were afraid to get very far out on the prairie, believing it would be safer and better to live in the timber. The second winter was a very severe one and there was much suffering. The family occupied a log cabin for a number of years, and Mr. Posegate tried strenuously to make a comfortable living for his family. Des Moines was at that time the nearest market and also the closest milling place and it took a long time to make the trip to the city in order to secure supplies. Mr. Posegate has resided continuously in that portion of Story county since 1855 and was actively engaged in farming until eight years ago, when he sold his place and removed to Kelley, where he has since lived. During most of the time he owned and cultivated one hundred and sixty acres of good land and lived the life of a quiet, industrious and energetic farmer, who realized that his success must come from persistent and determined effort.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Posegate were born six children: John, who died when but sixteen months old; Mary, who is the wife of W. Parriott, of Nebraska, and has eight children; George, of Des Moines, who is married and has five children; Eli, who is living in Boone county, west of Ames, and has eight children; Ellen, who is the wife of Joseph Montgomery, of Nebraska, and has one child; and Victoria, who became the wife of C. A. Crane and died in 1907 at the age of forty years, leaving three children. Mr. and Mrs. Posegate now have twenty-five grandchildren.

In Story county this worthy and venerable couple are widely and favorably known. They are members of the Baptist church and their entire lives have been passed in harmony with its teachings. While they have never sought to figure prominently in public or social ways, they have so lived as to gain the esteem and good will of their fellowmen and all who know them entertain for them warm regard.

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### GENERAL JAMES RUSH LINCOLN.

General James Rush Lincoln, brigadier general of the Iowa National Guard and military commandant of the Iowa State College at Ames, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, February 3, 1845, a son of Thomas Blodget and Sophie Julia (Ash) Lincoln, both of whom were natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. The father was one of the original directors of the Southern Pacific Railroad and also spent considerable time in Texas in the development of railroads in that state. He likewise owned a large stock ranch there. He inherited an extensive fortune, which gave him opportunity to live as and where he pleased, and in many ways his wealth was used for the advantage of the sections in which he resided. He lost his wife when their son James was

but three months old, after which the father spent much of his time in travel, his death occurring in Cecil county, Maryland, in 1888.

Thomas B. Lincoln was a son of Abel Fearing Lincoln, an officer in the United States navy, who died in New Orleans of yellow fever when thirty-five years of age. Major General Benjamin Lincoln was a brother of the great-great-grandfather of General Lincoln of this review and received the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was the eldest of the family, while Seth Lincoln, the great-great-grandfather of General Lincoln, was the youngest. Thomas Blodget Lincoln, the father, received his middle name because of connection with the old Blodget family of New England. His grandmother was the wife of Colonel Samuel Blodget, son of Governor Blodget of New Hampshire, and she was a daughter of Dr. William Smith, who with Benjamin Franklin founded the University of Pennsylvania and was the first provost of the university. The maternal grandfather of General Lincoln was Michael W. Ash, a brigadier general of the war of 1812 and of Irish birth. Genealogical records connect the family with the ancestry of President Lincoln, the line in each case being traced back to three brothers who came from England and landed on American soil in 1637. They located at Hingham, Massachusetts.

The family of Thomas B. and Sophie J. Lincoln numbered four children, namely: Matilda, Harriet, Sophie and James R. The three sisters are yet living but none are married.

General Lincoln traveled with his father until nine years of age and had been all over the continent prior to that time. A private tutor accompanied them and thus his education was not neglected. At the age of nine, however, he was placed in school and continued his studies until after the outbreak of the Civil war, attending the Loudon Military Academy of Maryland, the Virginia Military Institute and the Pennsylvania Military College. After the outbreak of hostilities the military spirit which he inherited from his ancestors was aroused and, espousing the cause of the Confederacy, he joined J. E. B. Stuart's Cavalry, which with Lee's army surrendered at Appomattox. He was serving on staff duty at the battle of Gettysburg and participated in a number of the hotly contested engagements of the Civil war.

General Lincoln afterward spent two years in Virginia and then came to Iowa, settling in Boone in February, 1868. He remained a resident of Boone county until October, 1883, when he came to Ames and took charge of the military department and steward's department of the Iowa State College, remaining in charge of the military section continuously since but resigning the steward's department in 1892. He has also taught in the engineering department but is perhaps most widely known because of his prominence in military circles. He mobilized the Iowa troops for the Spanish-American war and sent them to the front. He was appointed brigadier general by President McKinley on the 27th of May, 1898, and commanded a brigade in the Fourth Corps, later a brigade of the Second

Corps and subsequently the Second Division of the Second Corps. He was the last volunteer brigadier general to be mustered out after the close of hostilities with Spain, his military service in that war continuing until March 10, 1899. He then returned to Ames, where he has resided continuously since. At the reorganization of the Iowa National Guard after the war, he took command of the Fifty-first Regiment and later of the Fifty-fifth Iowa Infantry. On the 5th of July, 1908, he was elected brigadier general of the Iowa National Guard, which position he has since filled.

In 1865 General Lincoln was married to Elizabeth Blake, of Virginia, who died in 1866, leaving a son, who died in 1908 and left a widow and two children in Richmond, Virginia. In 1872 General Lincoln wedded Priscilla C. Hicks, a native of New York and a daughter of Alexander Hamilton Hicks, who removed from the Empire state to Three Rivers, Michigan, but is now deceased. The children of the second marriage are: William B., government inspector in charge of packing houses in Nashville, Tennessee; Charles S., who is a graduate of the Iowa State College and is now a captain of the Second Infantry of the regular army; Theresa, at home; Francis H., a captain in the coast artillery of the United States army, being artillery engineer officer of the district of Boston, Massachusetts; Arthur J., an employe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Rush B., a lieutenant of the Second Infantry, U. S. A.; and Lotie, who died in 1898 at the age of nine years.

General Lincoln is a man of fine personal appearance, whose soldierly bearing is at once evidence of his military training and experience. He holds to a high standard in the military training of his department in college and of the state troops as well and has every reason to be proud of the record of the Iowa National Guard.

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#### ANDREW C. ANDERSON.

Andrew C. Anderson, who owns a well developed and highly productive farm in Palestine township, belongs to the class of men who win their way to the front regardless of circumstances. They possess the strength and energy so necessary in the accomplishment of an important undertaking, especially in the attainment of financial success. In this class are to be found many men representing the best type of American citizenship.

Mr. Anderson was born in Clinton county, Iowa, October 28, 1871, a son of Christopher and Velder Anderson, both natives of Norway. They lived for a short time in Clinton county, and then removed to Story county, Mr. Anderson purchasing a farm about four miles northwest of Huxley, in Palestine township. This place he cultivated to good advantage until 1898, when he removed to Huxley, where he has since resided. He and his wife





MR. AND MRS. A. C. ANDERSON





are active members of the Lutheran church and on account of their many estimable traits of character are greatly esteemed by all who know them.

Andrew C. Anderson was reared on the home farm, acquiring his education in the district schools and showing an application both as to work and study which gave favorable promise for a successful career. After arriving at twenty-one years of age he worked as a farm hand by the month for two years and then rented land on his own account, applying himself with such earnestness that in 1895 he had acquired sufficient capital to purchase the farm upon which he has since lived. It now consists of one hundred and fifty-four acres, the interurban railway cutting off six acres of the quarter section. He has improved his place with characteristic energy, setting out a good orchard, shade and ornamental trees, building large barns and a thoroughly modern residence, which he erected in the spring of 1910, supplying it with furnace heat and the most approved and up-to-date conveniences. He ranks as one of the most thorough farmers of the township.

In 1898 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Lessie Chelswick, of Palestine township, a daughter of Peter Chelswick, one of the settlers of this township. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson: Clara V., Palmer O., Willard E. and Leroy A.

Mr. Anderson and his estimable wife are firm believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and are stanch members of the Lutheran church. He votes for the candidates of the republican party and although not a politician in the sense of being an office seeker, he keeps well informed as to questions arising from year to year and also on the general progress of events in America and the world. He is recognized as a man of good judgment and fine business capacity and his opinion on subjects pertaining to agriculture or stock-raising is generally worthy of respectful hearing. His neighbors and friends recognize that he possesses the elements of character most essential in the attainment of success, therefore he is greatly respected by all who know him.

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### JOSEPH LANCASTER BUDD.

Ames has ever regarded Professor Joseph Lancaster Budd as one of the most prominent citizens that has ever lived within her borders. He was a man of international reputation because of his contribution to the world's work along horticultural lines. There is no one of prominence in horticultural circles that is not familiar with his name and what he accomplished as educator, writer and experimenter in the field to which he devoted his labors.

Professor Budd was born near Peekskill, on the Hudson river, in New York, July 3, 1835, and was one of the younger members in a family of eleven children, whose parents were Joseph and Maria (Lancaster) Budd,

the latter a daughter of David Lancaster, of Orange county, New York. He traced his ancestry back to John Budd, the man who purchased thirty thousand acres of Indian lands in 1660 and erected the first buildings in Westchester county, New York. His ancestral line includes John Budd, 1600-1673; John Budd, Jr., 1620-1684; Captain Joseph Budd, who died in 1722, and Sarah Underhill; Joseph Budd, 1702-1703; Joseph Budd III, who died in 1772, and Elizabeth Griffin; Griffin and Katherine (Sutton) Budd; and Joseph and Maria (Lancaster) Budd. Among his ancestors who served in the Revolutionary war were Andrew Sutton, John Griffin, David Lancaster and Joseph Budd.

In early childhood Joseph L. Budd was taken by his parents to Monticello, Sullivan county, New York, where he was reared to young manhood, pursuing his education in Monticello Academy. About 1855 he came to the middle west and accepted the professorship of a boys school at Galesburg, Illinois. Subsequently he was engaged in business with H. Fuller, at Wheaton, Illinois, and about 1858 became a resident of Iowa, purchasing in the vicinity of Shellsburg a large farm, which the family still own. There he established the Benton County Nursery and successfully continued in that business until called to the faculty in the Iowa State College in 1877. He was elected professor of horticulture in the school at Ames, in November, 1876, and entered upon his new work on the 1st of March of the following year, continuously filling the position for twenty-three years. He was called the "Columbus of American Horticulture" because of what he did to classify and make the subject a permanent science. The success of his work may be shown in the fact that in the year 1900 fully seventy-five per cent of the men filling similar positions in American colleges were either his "boys" or men who had received their inspiration from this pioneer, and the department of agriculture at Washington was ever eager to obtain the services of men whom he had trained. He was a pioneer plant breeder and experimenter of this work, beginning his labors along those lines as early as 1870. The work of importation and experimentation with Russian and other European fruits was begun at the Iowa State College in 1878 and so continued until he resigned in 1900. During the summer of 1882 he was sent to Europe by the governments of the United States and Canada to study horticultural problems, especially the Russian fruits. Charles Downing, the pioneer pomologist of New York, willed his horticultural library of three hundred volumes and all his private papers of a technical nature to Professor Budd, with instructions that they were to go to the college when Mr. Budd was through with them.

Professor Budd was a prolific writer who never lacked in material for an interesting article in the Iowa State Register and Leader, or in the various horticultural and scientific periodicals to which he was a frequent contributor. He had a host of readers who always received, with interest, the reports of his investigations and experiments. He continuously contributed articles to the Iowa State Register from 1872 until 1900, there

being scarcely a week in which something from his pen did not appear in that paper. During Father Clarkson's last illness he requested that Professor Budd be made an editor of the Iowa State Register, continuing the agricultural department. His authorship also included two volumes entitled *American Horticultural Manual*, which he published in collaboration with Professor N. E. Hanson, one of his "boys." This was the culmination of his work along technical lines and the manual is to be found in all colleges and large libraries in the country. On resigning his position in the Iowa State College in 1900, he was made professor emeritus, an honorary title. He continued to take an active interest in the college, however, up to the time of his death. He was a pioneer member of the Iowa State Horticultural Society and as its secretary edited all but four or five of the annual reports up to the year 1900.

On the 7th of January, 1860, at Iowa City, Professor Budd was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Breed, of Crown Point, New York, who was there born, reared and educated. She came to Iowa with a married sister and engaged in teaching school at Cedar Rapids, where she made the acquaintance of Mr. Budd. She was a member of the old Breed family of Lynn, Massachusetts, the ancestral record being as follows: Allen Breed, 1601-1692; Allen Breed, 1626—; Joseph Breed, 1658-1713; Allen Breed, who was born in 1707, and Huldah Newhall; Eliphalet Breed, who was born in 1750, and wedded Mary Johnson; Allen Breed, 1778-1853, who married Judith Livingston; and Allen Breed, who was born in 1801, married Barbara Baldwin and died in 1877. Among Mrs. Budd's ancestors were two who served in the Revolution: Isaac Livingston, of New Hampshire, and Oliver Ladd, of Vermont. Unto Professor and Mrs. Budd were born a son and daughter. The former, Allen Joseph Budd, was born at Shellsburg, Iowa, and was educated in the Iowa State College at Ames. He then returned to his native town, where he is engaged in active business. He married Miss Nellie McBeth and has reared and educated a large family, his children being Joseph Arthur, Mrs. June E. Case, Leila, Vera, Sarah Jane, Myron and Alfred. Etta M. Budd, born in Shellsburg, Iowa, accompanied her parents to Ames and was graduated in the Iowa State College. Later she was successfully engaged in the study of art in Boston, New York and Chicago. After the death of her father she continued to live in the parental home and conducted much of the business of the estate. She is the genealogist of the Budd family.

In early life while residing in Benton county, Professor Budd joined the Masonic fraternity, November 14, 1863, and continued his connection with the order until his death. He built and owned the home of Arcadia Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M. in Ames. He took great delight in building operations and found extreme pleasure in erecting some large building, and thus contributing to the welfare and improvement of the city in which it was located. He found rest, recreation, interest and education in travel and visited nearly all of the European countries, Cuba and the various states

of the Union. He possessed an observing eye and retentive memory and his mind was stored with many interesting reminiscences of his journeys. In character he was quiet and unassuming but always made friends wherever he went and had the happy faculty of retaining them. He did much good in the world, aside from his discoveries and experiments in the field of horticulture, by assisting students who came under his guidance and aiding them to gain a start in life. He was an ideal man in his home, devoted to the welfare of wife and children and he left his family well provided for. His death occurred at Phoenix, Arizona, December 20, 1904, and his remains were brought back to Ames for interment. Not seeking honor but simply endeavoring to do his duty, honors were yet multiplied to him and prosperity followed all his undertakings.

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### H. C. DAVIS.

H. C. Davis, devoting his life to general agricultural pursuits, was born on the farm on section 36, Franklin township, on which he now resides, his natal day being December 6, 1871. He has always resided here and throughout his entire life has been connected more or less with the work of the fields, his time and attention being now given to the cultivation of one hundred and eighty-five acres of rich and productive land known as the **Evergreen farm**.

His parents were John E. and Sarah A. (Benson) Davis, the former born in Canandaigua, New York, August 18, 1832, and the latter at Spencerport, New York, on the 11th of November, 1835. They were reared in the Empire state and were married there on the 18th of January, 1859. For several years thereafter they resided in Ontario county, New York, but in 1868 removed westward to Story county, Iowa, settling on the farm which is now the home of their son H. C. Davis. Here their remaining days were passed, the father's death occurring April 16, 1901, while his wife survived until February 28, 1900. Both were members of the Congregational church and were people of sterling worth, who enjoyed the good will and friendship of those who knew them. The father devoted his entire life to farming and was the owner of two hundred and thirty-five acres of land in this county, including one hundred and twenty acres of the farm upon which H. C. Davis now resides; while the remainder lay across the road in Milford township. The family numbered three sons: Herbert M., who is now living in Greensburg, Kansas; George S., who was killed in a railroad wreck in northwestern Iowa on the 20th of December, 1887; and H. C., of this review.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for H. C. Davis in his boyhood and youth. He pursued his education in the district schools and when not busy with his text books worked in



the fields or did the chores, gradually becoming more and more familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. At length he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of the old homestead and to this has added until his place now comprises two hundred and twenty-three acres. The land is rich and productive, and the Evergreen farm is known as one of the excellent properties of Franklin township. Upon the place is a ten-room brick residence which was erected by his father in 1880, and the barns and outbuildings are in good condition, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. He has made a specialty of breeding and raising Percheron horses and Shetland ponies and in this connection has become widely known.

On the 28th of February, 1894, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Dora E. Lawson, who was born in Polk county, Iowa, June 11, 1871, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Highland) Lawson. They now have four children: Hazel A., Ida S., Esther Elizabeth and Fredericka.

In 1888 Dr. Davis with his mother attended a reunion of the Davis family at Canandaigua, New York, where he met over eighty relatives. These reunions are held annually. A member of the Congregational church of Ames, he has endeavored to guide his life by its teachings and his fellow townsmen recognize in him an honorable, upright man and a public-spirited citizen.

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### SAMUEL M. McHOSE.

Samuel M. McHose, a well known tile and brick manufacturer of Nevada, was born in Geneseo, Illinois, August 17, 1856, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Dillin) McHose, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter at Jefferson, New York. The family comes of Scotch ancestry on the paternal side and also of good Revolutionary stock. Early in his career the father learned the brickmaker's trade but worked at the cooper's trade in winter. He removed to Henry county, Illinois, in 1850, and in 1854 established a brickyard at Geneseo, continuing there until 1876, when he became a resident of Grinnell, Iowa, and was identified for ten years with the brick and tile business at that place. He is now living retired at the age of eighty-seven years, one of his sons having succeeded him in the business. Being an energetic man of good judgment, he attained a fair measure of success, acquiring a competence, so that at the present time he is in the enjoyment of the results of many years of well applied energy. Politically he gave his allegiance to the republican party during the greater part of his life but now votes independently. The mother of our subject departed this life in 1863, being then about forty-six years of age. She was of Irish descent and was a sister of the late James Dillin, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She was

a firm believer in the Bible and a valued member of the Methodist church. **There were eight children in the family.**

Samuel M. McHose began his education in the public schools of Geneseo, and after coming to Nevada in 1876 attended school for two years. His brothers, J. B. and W. E. McHose had established a brickyard at this place to make brick for the new courthouse, and when not in school worked for them, becoming a partner at the end of two years. In 1879 he established himself in business at the Short Line bridge at the foot of Linn street, where he was located for eight years. He then sold out and operated a yard west of the college at Ames for a year, after which he spent two years in St. Anthony, Marshall county. He next went to Packwood, Jefferson county, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile. However, he was again attracted to Nevada and in 1897 he opened his present plant on the Ames road, one mile from the business center of the city. This plant has a capacity of two carloads of tile per day and also possesses the facilities for the manufacture of a fine quality of building brick, the property including fifteen acres of fine clay. In 1905 the main building was destroyed by fire and has been replaced by a three-story brick structure sixty by one hundred and seventy-five feet in foundation area. This building contains the machinery and drying rooms and is supplied with a complete outfit for the manufacture of brick and drain tile according to the most approved modern methods. There are six kilns, each having a capacity of eighteen thousand four-inch tile. The plant gives employment to eighteen men and is one of the best appointed establishments of the kind in this part of the country. Mr. McHose also owns a handsome modern brick residence, which was erected in 1901, and is quite an extensive landowner, holding at the present time three quarter sections of land in Kossuth county and one thousand acres in the state of Minnesota.

In 1887 Mr. McHose was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Sharon, who was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, in 1860, a daughter of Simon and Charlotte (Phillips) Sharon. Her father was a blacksmith by trade and also followed farming. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McHose: Ray M., who was born at Packwood, Iowa, in 1888 and is now a student in the sophomore class of the Iowa State University, where he is taking a course in ceramic engineering; and Winifred M., also born at Packwood and now one of the successful school teachers of the county.

As a wide-awake and progressive business man Mr. McHose is an active member of the Nevada Commercial Men's Association. He gives his allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles of protection and centralization are conducive to the prosperity and development of the country. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he is friendly toward them all and extends his support toward those causes which in his opinion will add to the permanent welfare of the community. Mrs. McHose is a valued member of the Christian church and has been to her husband a true and loving helpmate. His success in business has

been due to undaunted perseverance and sound judgment. Happy in his home associations and in the work to which he is devoting the best energies of his life, it may truly be said that the position which he has earned has been reached deservedly.

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### WILLIAM H. JOHNSON.

William H. Johnson has for forty-two years resided upon the farm on section 7, Washington township, which is now his home. He formerly owned one hundred and seventy acres but about ten years ago disposed of ninety acres of this. The remainder of his place is all improved, and upon it is a good set of farm buildings, including a pleasant home and barns and sheds which furnish ample shelter to grain and stock. Mr. Johnson was a young man of twenty-seven years when he located upon this place, his birth having occurred in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, near Smithville, on the 14th of April, 1842.

On attaining his majority he went to Wisconsin, settling in Green county, where he lived for five years. In the fall of 1869 he came to Iowa and took up his abode upon the farm where he now makes his home—a well improved and highly cultivated tract of eighty acres. He has improved the place with good buildings and everything about the farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating the careful supervision and progressive methods of the owner. Mr. Johnson also became closely identified with educational interests here. He began teaching when nineteen years of age and taught in all for about thirty terms, but in the meantime three summer seasons were devoted to the cultivation of his fields.

In 1867 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth J. Sinclair, who was born in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 15th of May, 1845, and went to Wisconsin with her parents when about ten years of age. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson has been blessed with nine children: Charles W., now a resident of Des Moines; Alice, the wife of E. W. Jones, also of Des Moines; Cora, the wife of M. E. White, of the capital city, Ira B., who was superintendent of schools of Cass county and died at the age of twenty-nine years while serving his second term in that office; E. M., who is a graduate of the Iowa State College and is now a packing house inspector for the government at Chicago; Western L., the government meat inspector of the packing houses of Topeka, Kansas; Daisy, living in Des Moines; Dora, who is a twin sister of Daisy and now the wife of F. S. Bone, of Grand River, Iowa; and Olla, a teacher in the Humboldt College and a graduate of the Iowa State College of the class of 1906. All of the children have attended the Iowa State College and the sons have all graduated therefrom. The eldest is a professor at Still College in Des Moines and his brother Ira was doing excellent work in the educational

field when called to his final rest. Following his demise his widow was elected his successor and has since filled the position. Mr. Johnson has a family of which he has every reason to be proud, and in their well spent lives they indicate the careful home training which they received.

Mr. Johnson holds membership in the Christian church, and his has been an active, useful and well spent life, entitling him to the honor and high regard which are uniformly accorded him by all who know him. Starting out in life for himself empty-handed when a youth in his teens, he has since made his own way in the world, and the success which has come to him is the merited reward of his earnest labor and honorable dealing.

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### JAMES DILLIN.

Among the names of men prominent in Story county in years past that of James Dillin, who departed this life March 27, 1901, at the age of sixty-one years, occupies a leading place. A resident of the county for more than thirty years, he became one of its best known citizens and as a farmer and business man attained a position of influence and responsibility that has been gained by few in this part of the state.

He was born in Jefferson, New York, and having lost his father at five years of age, he was taken to the home of a sister in Montana, where he lived until he reached maturity. There he became acquainted with ranch life and gained a love for nature and for agricultural pursuits which was one of his prominent characteristics during his later career. He was educated in the schools of Montana and received a good mental training which he further developed by reading and observation. He found time to learn the carpenter's trade, to which he devoted several years, but the outbreak of the Civil war interfered with his plans and he enlisted in Company M, First Regiment of Colorado Cavalry, in which he served as corporal for three years, being honorably discharged and mustered out at Denver, Colorado, October 31, 1864. After the close of the war he came to Geneseo, Illinois, upon a visit to his mother, who was living at that place, and opened a store at Green River, Illinois, which he conducted for about a year.

While on a visit to a sister at Letts, Louisa county, Iowa, he met the lady who became his wife and after his marriage he sold out his business in Illinois and spent the following winter at Muscatine, Iowa. Having decided to devote his attention to farming, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Richland township, Story county, in 1868. Taking up his residence upon his newly acquired place, he set vigorously to work with such ability that he became the owner of one thousand acres in Story county. After moving to Nevada about 1880, he largely increased his





MR. AND MRS. JAMES DILLIN





landed possessions until he became recognized as one of the most worthy and influential men in the county. He remodeled and improved the family residence on Locust street, making it one of the most attractive homes in the city, and he became identified with many business interests, in which he displayed a rare judgment and foresight, producing gratifying financial returns.

On the 24th of December, 1867, Mr. Dillin was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Furnas, a sister of Elwood Furnas, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dillin: Elwyn O., now a merchant of McCallsburg, Iowa, who married May Loomis and has two children; and Viola M., the wife of Charles McCord, a real-estate dealer of Nevada and the mother of four children.

Mr. Dillin from the time of arriving at voting age was an adherent of the republican party. He never desired or sought political honors, preferring to devote his attention to his private affairs. He was a valued member of J. C. Ferguson Post, No. 31, Grand Army of the Republic, and served as post commander. He was essentially a man of business. Alert, enterprising, sagacious and clear-sighted, he made few mistakes in his judgment of men and accomplished many remarkable feats in business organization and management. He was very positive in his convictions and having once deliberately made up his mind on any subject, he was scarcely ever known to change his opinion. He possessed a strong and pleasing personality and a convincing manner which assisted him very materially in the advancement of his business and social relations. Mrs. Dillin still makes her home in Nevada and is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Story county.

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### JACOB E. ERICKSON.

One of the well known native sons of Story county now engaged in business in Roland is Jacob E. Erickson. He was born on the 25th of December, 1870, and is the son of Michael Erickson, who was born in Norway in 1835. The father came to the United States at the age of fourteen years with his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Erickson. The family located in Story county, Iowa, in 1856, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, on a portion of which the town of Roland now stands. He was first married in 1856 to Sarah Wooster, by whom he had two children: Lizzie, who married Henry Thompson and died about twenty-five years ago; and Ida A., who became Mrs. O. T. Hanson. For his second wife Mr. Erickson married Martha Wooster and they became the parents of four children of whom three still survive, as follows: Olaf, now a resident of New Mexico; Jacob E., our subject; and Annie May, who became the wife of J. H. Larson of Roland. The father was a mem-

ber of the Lutheran church and always cast his vote with the republican party. He was honored by his fellow citizens electing him to nearly all of the township offices, which he capably filled. He was one of the very successful agriculturists of his district, acquiring during his life four hundred acres of land adjoining the town of Roland and on forty acres of which the townsite was platted. He also had two hundred acres of land in South Dakota and was a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank. He was a very public-spirited man, high-principled and upright in all of his business transactions. He presented to the town of Roland fifty acres for a public park and this was but one of his many substantial evidences of allegiance to the village. He was regarded as a man of incorruptible integrity, and the community lost a most estimable citizen when he passed away at the age of seventy-five years.

Jacob E. Erickson is indebted to the district schools of Story county for his education and when he had acquired such knowledge as he felt fitted him to begin his business career he laid aside his text-books and assumed the more serious work of life. He remained a member of his father's household until after his twenty-first year, at which time he began working for himself. He managed his father's farm for seven years and then engaged in the grain business, with which he is still actively identified. He owns a sixty thousand bushel elevator and besides this is a stockholder and director of the Story County Telephone Company. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hamilton county, Iowa, and one-half section in Hamlin county, South Dakota.

Ever since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage Mr. Erickson has cast his ballot with the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in municipal matters and is now acting as a member of the council of Roland. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is unmarried. He is one of the popular and progressive young business men of Roland, who by means of his close application, unswerving purpose and industry has met with a more than average degree of success, which his fellow townsmen feel is justly his right.

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#### DANIEL M. GROVE.

Implement dealers of Iowa are well acquainted with the capable and enterprising gentleman whose name introduces this review. Since its organization he has been secretary and manager of the Iowa Implement Dealers Mutual Insurance Association and has displayed an ability which meets the hearty approval of implement men in all parts of the state. He is a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, having been born May 10, 1856, a son of John L. and Correlia (Giles) Grove. The ancestors of the family on the paternal side came from Holland in the colonial times and their descendants assisted the patriots under Washington in freeing this

country from British domination. John L. Grove was a blacksmith and followed his trade for some years in the east, coming in 1808 to Carroll county, Iowa, where he bought land and became well established as a farmer. He departed this life at the age of seventy years. Politically he gave his support to the republican party and fraternally he was identified with the Odd Fellows. The mother of our subject was of Irish descent, both of her parents having been born on the Emerald isle. She died at forty-one years of age, when the subject of this review was a lad of eight years. She was a woman of many noble characteristics and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, Daniel M. Grove reared under the parental roof and at twelve years of age came to Carroll county, Iowa. He attended a private school in the east, continuing his education in the district schools after arriving in Iowa. Having applied himself closely to his studies he was able to secure a certificate as a teacher at sixteen years of age and taught school for sixteen years, having charge of the Coon Rapids schools during the last four years of his experience as a school-master. However, he decided to seek other avenues for the exercise of his talents and in March, 1888, he became connected with the implement business at Coon Rapids, in which he continued for two years.

In 1890 Mr. Grove removed to Nevada, embarking in the same line of business, which he conducted with marked success for sixteen years. In 1894 he was elected county auditor of Story county and reelected two years later, filling the position with general acceptance to the voters of the county for four years. He also served as state secretary of the Implement Dealers Association for several years until 1907. He gained a wide acquaintance among men in this line of business in the state and was among the originators of the Iowa Implement Dealers Mutual Insurance Association, which was chartered by the state in 1903 as an organization by means of which the implement men might carry their own insurance. Mr. Grove has been from the start one of the most active workers in this movement and since 1903 has served as secretary and manager of the association. The duties of his office increased to such an extent that he was obliged to give up his private business four years ago. He now devotes his entire time to the insurance association, which has grown remarkably and is one of the most flourishing organizations of the kind in the country.

In 1877 Mr. Grove was united in marriage to Miss Orra Beadell, who was born in Lee county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Levi and Polly Beadell. The father was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Linn county but later took up his residence in Lee county. Mr. Grove holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and politically gives his allegiance to the republican party. He served for two terms as member of the city council but during recent years has not sought public office, as his time has been fully occupied with business affairs. His career should be highly encouraging to every young man who has ambition to make an honorable

record for himself. To attain deserved success requires perseverance, self-reliance and habits of industry and when these characteristics, as in the career of Mr. Grove, are united with well established principles of personal honor and fidelity to all obligations there can be no doubt as to the result.

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### JOHN H. LARSON.

It is an old saying that perseverance wins success and in countless circumstances the truth of this statement has been fully demonstrated. An additional evidence is presented in the life of John H. Larson, ex-mayor of Slater and widely recognized as one of the substantial business men in Story county. As president of a flourishing bank, he has shown his ability in the field of finances and for years he has been at the head of one of the leading mercantile establishments of his part of the county.

He was born in Norway, July 30, 1862, a son of Lars and Anna Haugen. The parents emigrated to the United States in 1866 and spent two or three years near Lisbon, Illinois, then removing to Polk county, Iowa, but in the fall of the same year took up their residence north of Ames in Story county. Two years later Mr. Larson rented a farm in the northeast part of the county and after cultivating this place for four years purchased a farm in Hardin county, upon which he lived until his retirement to Slater. After the death of his wife he took up his home with a daughter at Huxley, where he now lives.

John H. Larson came to America with his parents when four years of age and remained at home, securing such education as was available in the district schools until he arrived at the age of fifteen or sixteen years. Having a natural inclination for mercantile rather than agricultural life, he secured a position in a store at Sheldahl, continuing in that establishment for eleven years. He became well acquainted with mercantile affairs and acquired a solid foundation for a successful business career. Having decided to begin upon his own account, he came to Slater in 1880 and purchased a half-interest in the lumber business of A. K. Erslund, the firm assuming the title of Erslund & Larson. Later he acquired his partner's interest and the business has since been conducted under his own name, being now the leading mercantile concern in Slater. Mr. Larson was one of the organizers of the Farmers Savings Bank at Slater and was elected a member of the board of directors, the Hon. Oley Nelson being chosen as president. After several years Mr. Nelson resigned and Mr. Larson was selected as his successor, a position which he has filled with the highest credit to himself and to the great satisfaction of the officers and stockholders of the institution.



On the 28th of December, 1898, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Walker, a daughter of Torkel Walker, a native of Norway, who came to America when a young man and passed thirty-three years of his life in Polk and Story counties. He is a carpenter by trade but has also successfully engaged in farming and is now living in Slater. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Larson three children have been born: Cecil Anselm, Leslie Truman and Miriam Lucile.

Mr. Larson gives his adherence to the republican party and his voice is often heard in its councils in his part of the county. He has served many times as a member of the town council and also for eight or ten years as mayor of the town, being recognized as one of the most efficient executive officers the town has known. He is a valued member of Slater Lodge, No. 384, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are connected with the Rebekahs and the Lutheran church. He is a stanch friend of education and always lends his aid to the public schools. As a citizen he is patriotic, prompt and true to every obligation and as a man he is held in the highest honor and esteem by all classes.

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#### CAPTAIN THOMAS CLIFTON McCALL.

For many years one of the most distinguished citizens of Story county, Captain Thomas Clifton McCall, now deceased, gained a reputation for enterprise, sound judgment and integrity which has been accorded few men in this part of the state. In both private and public affairs he was eminently successful, gaining a fortune and at the same time proving by his useful and honorable life a constant source of inspiration to those with whom he was associated.

He was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 4, 1827, a son of Samuel W. and Ann (Clifton) McCall. The father was born in Kentucky in 1792 and the mother in Ross county, Ohio, in 1795. In his early manhood Samuel W. McCall was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was wounded at the battle of Maguauga, which occurred about the time of Hull's surrender. He came to Iowa and located in Polk county, where he died in 1864, his wife having passed away in Ross county, Ohio, in 1833. He was a son of Samuel McCall, who was born about 1750 in Maryland and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was drowned in Licking river, Kentucky, in 1795. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Thomas Clifton, who was born in South Carolina about 1740, fought under General Nathaniel Greene in the war for independence and later settled in Ross county, Ohio, where he died about 1830.

In 1836 Thomas Clifton McCall came with his father to Burlington, Iowa, where they remained during the summer, removing in the fall to Fulton county, Illinois, where he lived on a farm for ten years. At the

age of nineteen he began teaching, having charge of the first school that was opened east of the Des Moines river in Polk county. After a short experience as a schoolmaster he embarked in the mercantile business at Lafayette, Polk county, in partnership with A. Y. Hull, continuing for three years, when he became the pioneer merchant of Rising Sun, in the same county. From the beginning he had shown a decided ability in business affairs and in 1855 he entered the real estate business at Des Moines, coming to Nevada three years later, where he dealt quite extensively in land for many years, becoming the owner of about three thousand acres in Story county. He was a man of quick discernment and wide observation and as time passed he became remarkably proficient in knowledge concerning current events, especially those of public and political interest. In 1861 he was chosen to represent Story county in the state legislature and served in the regular and special sessions of that year and also in 1862, this being a period of unusual importance on account of the Civil war.

In October, 1862, Mr. McCall proffered his services to the government and was sent to the front as quartermaster of the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry with the commission of lieutenant and continued with his regiment in the field. He was appointed by President Lincoln assistant quartermaster of volunteers with the rank of captain, March 22, 1864, and served in that capacity until November 27, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge. He performed the arduous duties devolving upon him during these trying years of the war with absolute fidelity and his army record was a source of just pride to himself and is a splendid heritage for posterity. After resuming peaceful pursuits he was, in 1881, again sent to the legislature from Story county, being reelected in 1883, and was state senator, representing Boone and Story counties in 1892 at the time of his death. He was one of the most active and efficient representatives that this county has ever sent to the general assembly and by his efforts and personal influence accomplished much work that has been of special benefit to the county and state.

Captain McCall was three times married. By his first marriage he had one son, John A., who is now practicing law at Des Moines. His second wife was Mary A. Boynton and by this union three children were born: Minnie Ellen, now Mrs. A. C. Cronenwett, of Monrovia, California; Fred C., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Edward M., a practicing attorney of Nevada. The third wife of Captain McCall bore the maiden name of Clara Kennedy. She is now living in Nevada but the son born of this union died at the age of five years.

Captain McCall passed away August 11, 1892, being then sixty five years of age and an acknowledged leader in the business and financial circles of Story county. He early realizes the value of industry and perseverance and his life was a remarkable exemplification of those principles carried to a legitimate conclusion. He was generous in his judgment and friendly toward every cause calculated to advance the public interest and in

numberless ways contributed to the welfare of his fellowmen. For almost fifty years he was a member of the Presbyterian church and was seldom absent from religious service when circumstances made it possible for him to attend. He became an Odd Fellow in 1853, joining the order at Des Moines and representing it a number of times in the Grand Lodge of the state. He was also a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic and was one of the best friends the old soldiers of Story county have known. The death of Mr. McCall deprived the community of one of its most loved and respected citizens, one who was eminently successful in his efforts to make the world better and whose memory will long be revered by those who knew him.

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### CLARK CHAMBERS.

Among the business men of Collins, Clark Chambers occupies an honorable place, having won his way through many obstacles. Today he is recognized as one of the thoroughly substantial citizens of the community and has the satisfaction of knowing that he has gained his present position through his own unremitting diligence and sound judgment. He was born near Decatur, Illinois, November 15, 1873, a son of James A. and Mary (Clark) Chambers. The parents were both born in Ohio and were married in that state, subsequently removing to Illinois. The mother passed away in 1878 and the father has since been twice married. His present wife was Miss Caroline Smith, whom he married in Guernsey county, Ohio, and they are now living upon a farm in Tuscarawas county, that state.

At fifteen years of age Clark Chambers began his battle with the world. Going to Bloomington, Illinois, he worked as a farm laborer for a year and then returned to Ohio, where he was employed for two years in a sawmill. Once more starting westward, he reached Collins, Iowa, where for four years and four months he was employed by Charles Fish, an extensive stock feeder of this section. Not having seen enough of the world, Mr. Chambers decided to visit the great west and accordingly he took a trip through the Dakotas, Idaho, Utah and the Pacific northwest, working at various occupations as opportunity presented. He was absent for two years and in February, 1902, returned to Collins, with a mind richly supplied with experience which has been to him of inestimable value. Soon after reaching Collins he became connected with the meat and provision business, with which he has ever since been identified, being now a member of the firm of George W. Baldwin & Company, general merchants, also handling meat and provisions upon a large scale.

On the 20th of May, 1902, Mr. Chambers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wood, of Des Moines, and by this union five children have been

born, four of whom are now living, namely: Irene, Laurence C., Gerald and Marjorie.

Mr. Chambers started out in life entirely upon his own resources as a boy and difficulties served but to spur him to renewed effort, strengthening his will and developing a fearlessness and an indomitable spirit of self-reliance that are among his prominent characteristics. He has attained a position of comparative financial independence, although only thirty-eight years of age, and can still look forward to many years of activity and usefulness. Fraternally he is a valued member of Ferrent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., and in political belief he adheres to the republican party.

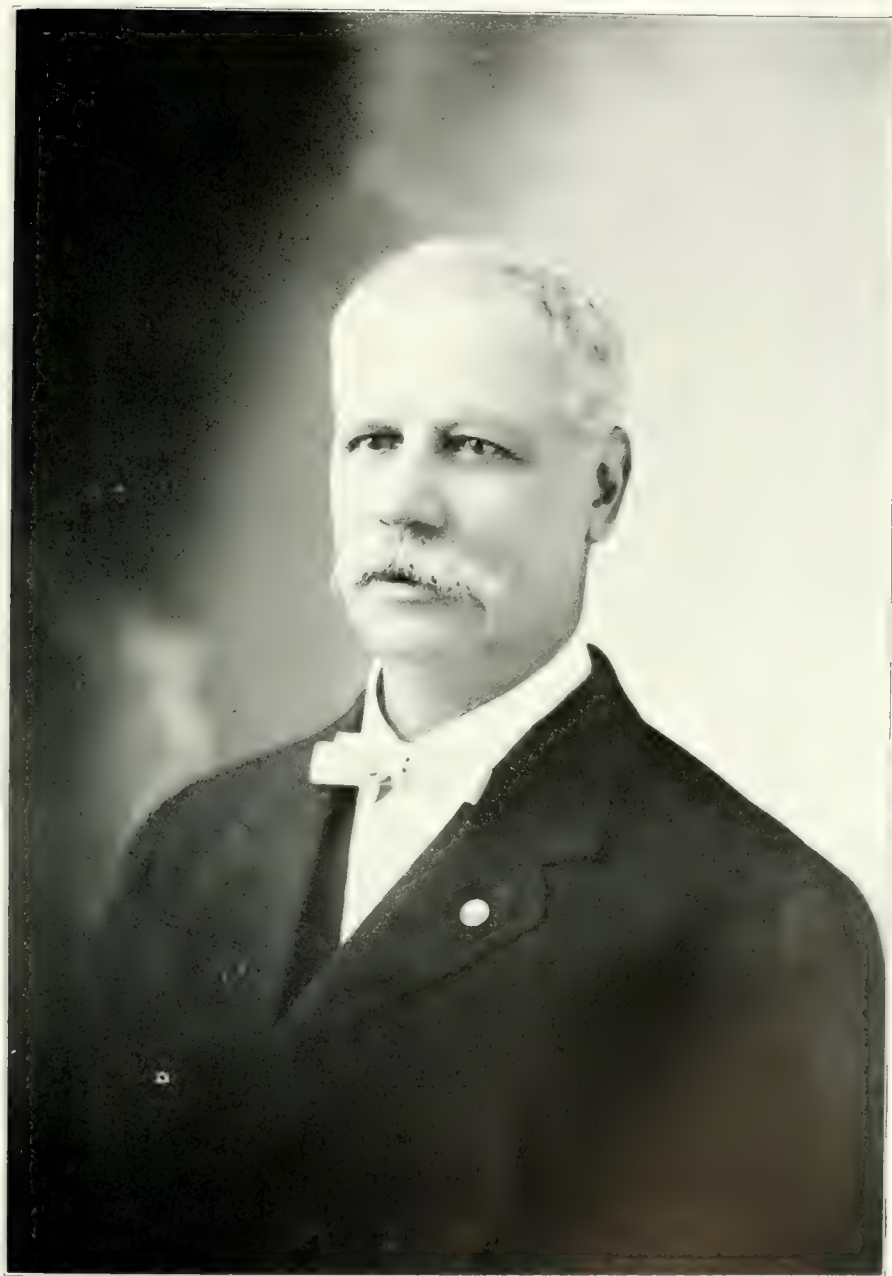
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### JAY A. KING.

Jay A. King, of Nevada, now in the grain and lumber business and formerly county treasurer of Story county, is in the best sense of the word a self-made man. Coming to this county forty-two years ago, he forged his way through many obstacles to a position of financial ease, at the same time gaining the enduring respect and esteem of the people of the county.

He was born at Akron, Ohio, May 28, 1845, a son of Dr. John E. and Ann (Jackson) King, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of England. The father had meager opportunities for education in his early years, but this handicap was largely overcome by close application to home study after he grew to manhood. He began his business career in the mercantile pursuits at Akron, removing in 1855 to New Lisbon, Wisconsin, where he farmed and conducted a shoe store for several years. In 1861 he came west, taking up his home at Eldora, Hardin county, Iowa, and, having decided upon a professional career, he matriculated at Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, from which he was later graduated. He returned to Eldora, where he has ever since continued in the practice of his profession. He was very successful from the start and as the years passed became recognized as one of the leading physicians of the county. He is still in practice, although eighty-five years of age, being almost as strong physically and mentally as ever in his life. He is a man of unusual intelligence, generous and broad-minded, a constant student of books and current events, and a staunch friend of education. He is a good musician and for many years took a prominent part in musical affairs of the church and the community. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and politically has been a supporter of the republican party ever since its organization. He is greatly esteemed by his professional brethren and for two years was president of the Iowa Homeopathic Medical Association, being now an honorary member of that body. The mother of our subject came to this country from England with her parents, who





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settled at Akron, Ohio. She passed away in 1863, at the age of forty-five years.

There were six children in the family of Dr. and Mrs. King: J. A., the subject of this review; George H., in the fruit growing and jewelry business in Colorado; Ina, deceased; Elizabeth, who married George Brookins, a veteran of the Civil war, now living at St. Paul, Minnesota; Oliver J., a farmer living retired at Zearing, Iowa; and John E., engaged in the publishing business at St. Paul.

Jay A. King was educated in the public schools of Akron, Ohio, New Lisbon, Wisconsin, and Eldora, Iowa. He taught school for two years and at the age of eighteen, in the summer of 1863, enlisted at Eldora in Company H, Ninth Iowa Cavalry. He attained the rank of quartermaster sergeant and was engaged principally in scout duty with small detachments, his regiment being assigned to that branch of the service. He continued faithfully until February, 1866, when he was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa. After laying aside the accoutrements of war, appreciating the importance of further educational training, he took a course in a Chicago business college, after which he became a bookkeeper in the pipe department of the Crane Manufacturing Company of Chicago.

After a year's experience in this line Mr. King returned to Iowa and worked for a few months on a farm, teaching school the following winter. In 1868 he came to Iowa Center and entered the employ of the general mercantile firm of Baldwin & Maxwell as bookkeeper. His ability being soon recognized, he was after the first year made credit man and business manager. The firm was one of the remarkable concerns of those times, controlling a business of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year, although the house was located in a town of four hundred inhabitants. Mr. King continued for seven years at Iowa Center, becoming widely acquainted in the county which he had adopted as his permanent home. In 1875 he was elected county treasurer and continued in the office for three terms. Upon assuming the duties of the treasurership he removed to Nevada, where he has ever since lived. After retiring from public office he associated with Otis Briggs in the Farmers Bank, conducting its affairs for eight years with great success. After a vacation of a few years he entered the grain and lumber business in 1889 at Nevada with O. L. Dunkelbarger under the title of Dunkelbarger & King and has so continued to the present time. He was for six years president of the Iowa Grain Dealers Association and is now president of the Western Grain Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, a position which he has held for two years past. He has been eminently successful in his various business enterprises and has for years been known as one of the most prosperous and influential men in this part of the state.

In 1880 Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Lillie A. Day, of Ohio, a daughter of E. G. Day, and to them one child was born, Day E., now superintendent of the light and heating plant at Park City, Utah, and

the father of two children. The mother having departed this life in 1881, Mr. King was united in marriage in 1889 to Mrs. Elizabeth (Severns) Coggshall, the widow of M. Coggshall. Mrs. King was the mother of one son by her first husband, Fred M., now a theatrical manager. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and a leader in the social circles of the community.

Mr. King is identified with the various Masonic bodies, including the Shrine, and also with the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of Jason D. Ferguson Post, G. A. R. and in politics gives his support to the republican party, having cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States. He has served most acceptably as member of the city council several times, as member of the board of trustees of the public library and also as president of the board of education. As a public officer he has been conscientious, efficient and thoroughly reliable, setting an example in the discharge of his duties well worthy of emulation. He has never sought to advance himself at the expense of others and as a generous, liberal-minded and progressive citizen he has fairly earned the honorable place he occupies in the community.

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#### OLE B. OLSON.

The stock-breeders have been of inestimable benefit to farmers and indirectly to the whole country, adding vastly to the value of domestic animals and making the business of the farmer, when properly conducted, highly profitable. Ole B. Olson of Story county should be named in the class that is accomplishing this good work, being a successful stock-breeder whose opinions are an authority on shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. He was born in Union township, Story county, June 17, 1872, son of Brit and Sarah (Sandeno) Olson, both of whom were born in Norway. They were married in their native country and after their emigration to the United States became residents of Union township, Story county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. He departed this life in 1882, but the mother is now living with her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Sheldahl, in Story county.

Ole B. Olson was the youngest member of the family and was ten years of age when his father died. The mother, however, bravely kept her children together until they were grown up. The subject of this review attended the district schools and assisted in the support of the family until after arriving at twenty one years of age, when he began farming on his own account on rented land. At the age of twenty-four he purchased one hundred and thirty acres on section 2, Palestine township, which he cultivated for seven years and then sold, buying his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26 in 1902. He has made many improvements, rebuilding the residence, setting out trees, etc., so that he now has one of

the most beautiful farms in his section. He makes a specialty of breeding thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs and has succeeded in raising some of the choicest animals of the kinds named that have yet been bred in this county.

On the 20th of February, 1895, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Martha S. Kalsem, a daughter of John V. Kalsem, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Six children have been born to this union, five of whom are now living, namely: Elmer J., who is now attending the Huxley high school; John F., also a student in the high school; Mollie S. and Ollie M., twins; and Milford S.

Mr. Olson and wife are members of the Lutheran church, of which he is secretary and one of its liberal supporters. Ever since arriving at voting age he has adhered to the republican party, believing that in so doing he is best advancing the interests of the entire country. A sincere friend of education, he is a member of the school board, upon which he has served for several years past. The life of Mr. Olson is one of great activity and the success he has attained is the result of his own unwavering and well directed industry.

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#### WILLIAM DODDS.

William Dodds, living on section 33, Franklin township, general farming interests claiming his attention, was born in Boone county, Iowa, December 29, 1863, and was not yet two years of age when his parents, James and Catharine (Kegley) Dodds, came with their family to Story county. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. She came to Boone county, Iowa, with her parents in her girlhood days, while James Dodds arrived when a young man of about twenty-one years. They were married on the farm where the birth of their son William occurred, and they spent their last years in Colorado, where the death of Mr. Dodds occurred in 1905, when he was seventy-two years of age, while his wife passed away in 1906 at the age of seventy years. Throughout his active life he devoted his energies to farming and carpentering and was the owner of four hundred and forty acres of valuable Iowa land which he sold ere his removal to Colorado. His family numbered eight children: Martha M., the wife of Ed Gilbert, of Salina, Kansas; William; Guy, a resident of Washington township, this county; Thomas, of Colorado; James, also living in Washington township; Belle, the wife of James Reynolds, of Gilbert, Iowa; Fannie, of Lamar, Colorado; and Gertrude, the wife of Alfred Downer, also of Lamar.

Brought by his parents to Story county when less than two years of age, William Dodds has since lived in Franklin township, where he was reared to the occupation of farming, remaining at home with his parents until

his marriage, when he started out in life on his own account. He is today the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and valuable land, situated two and a half miles east of Gilbert on sections 1 and 12, Franklin township. He removed to that place immediately after his marriage and there resided until about four years ago, when he came to his present home on section 33, Franklin township, having purchased the property in 1905. This is a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, and in addition he also owns the former place. Both farms have been well improved by Mr. Dodds who now rents his land on sections 1 and 12. His present farm is situated about a mile north of College, and is devoted to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to soil and climate.

In 1894 Mr. Dodds was married to Miss Harriet Allen, who was born August 10, 1871, on the farm where she now lives, a daughter of O. D. Allen, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They have three children: Bernice, Mildred and Galen.

Mr. Dodge is a republican and has held some road and school offices but cares little for political or official preferment. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife are members of the Rebekah lodge. He has a wide acquaintance in Story county where almost his entire life has been passed and where his many good qualities have gained him the warm regard of those with whom he has been associated. The able management of his business affairs constitutes the basis of his success which has classed him with the substantial agriculturists of Franklin township.

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## ELWOOD FURNAS.

Elwood Furnas, deceased, who for more than thirty years was prominently identified with agricultural and business interests in Story county, will be remembered as one of the ablest and most public-spirited men the county has known. His death, which occurred December 31, 1902, when he was sixty-two years of age, was regarded as one of the severest losses in the history of this region, and there is no reason for doubting that the beneficial effects of the work which he set in motion will be felt for many years to come.

He was a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born February 22, 1840. The family is of English ancestry, the first member of whom there is any record being John Furnas, who was born at Standing Rock, Cumberlandshire, England, in 1736. He was a peer of the realm, and a large landowner. He married Mary Wilkinson in the Friend's Meeting House at Standing Stone, in February, 1763, and they came to America, landing at Charleston, South Carolina, where they spent the remainder of their days.



Among noted descendants of this worthy couple in America may be named ex-Governor Robert Furnas, of Nebraska; Sarah Furnas Wells, M. D., author of "Four Years Travel Around the World," and Rev. Newton Furnas, a distinguished clergyman of Ohio. Benjamin Furnas, the father of our subject, was a lineal descendant of John and Mary (Wilkinson) Furnas. He was for many years identified with agricultural interests in Ohio and subsequently came to this state, where he continued until his death.

Elwood Furnas was reared in the parental home and gained his preliminary education in the country schools of Ohio. He was sufficiently advanced in his studies to become a teacher, but after teaching a part of a term for a brother teacher, he abandoned the ferrule for a more congenial occupation in the fields. He came with his father to Louisa county, Iowa, in 1857, and after renting land of the latter for some years, he purchased a tract of land in Richland township, Story county., upon which he established his home in 1870. He applied himself with unusual energy and ability, accumulating more land until he became the owner of a beautiful farm of eight hundred acres and also one of the leading cattlemen in this part of the state. He made a close study of agriculture and was widely regarded as an authority on that subject, being one of the prime movers in various organizations that have assisted in a marked degree in the advancement of the permanent interests of all branches of farming.

On the 10th of February, 1859, Mr. Furnas was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Sunderland, who was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, February 20, 1842, a daughter of Richard and Eleanor Sunderland. She is a descendant of Captain Richard Sunderland of Revolutionary fame. Her father was a prominent farmer of Montgomery county, and he and his wife have passed to their reward. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Furnas, but they made a home for six children and partially reared them.

Mr. Furnas was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends. He was identified with the Masonic order, and politically adhered to the republican party from the time of reaching his majority. He was never a seeker for public office but he filled various positions in the township, always discharging his duties with a fidelity that met the unanimous approval of the taxpayers. He was an earnest advocate of temperance and was widely known throughout the country on account of his prominence in advancing the farming interests. He was president of the National Farmers Alliance, the Story County Farmers Institute and the Farmers Progression Reading Circle; vice president of the Farmers Fire and Lightning Association of Story county; secretary of the State Farmers Mutual Protective Association and of the local alliance; and was one of the honorary members of the Commercial Travelers Fair, which was held in Madison Square Garden, New York city, December 16, 1896. A man of winning manner, generous in disposition, he made a host of friends, and in the course of a life of unusual activ-

ity he assisted in advancing very materially the comfort and happiness of those with whom he associated. He was thoroughly progressive and always ready to assist a fellow traveler less fortunate than himself, his greatest happiness being found in service for others.

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### OSMOND J. VILAND.

Although he began as a school teacher and attained an enviable reputation in that calling, Osmond J. Viland, of Slater, felt attracted to a business career and embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, in which he has been highly successful. He is a native of Story county, born September 8, 1871, and is a son of Knute and Carrie (Fronsdahl) Viland, both natives of Norway. They were reared and married in that country and came to America in 1860, their destination being Story county, Iowa. The father purchased land in Palestine township, about one and one-half miles south of Huxley, and started upon what promised to be a highly prosperous career. In 1873, however, he passed away in the midst of a life of usefulness, leaving a widow and three children. The mother bravely took up the responsibility of rearing her family and continued upon the farm until about a month before her death, when she removed to Slater. She died January 20, 1900, leaving the memory of an unselfish character that will long be remembered by those who knew her.

Osmond J. Viland was reared upon the home farm and assisted as he grew up in providing for the wants of the family. He received his early education in the district schools and later attended the State Normal College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, also the United Church Seminary, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. After thoroughly preparing himself he taught school for five or six years, gaining a reputation as one of the most promising teachers in the county. In 1899 he joined Andrew Maland in the purchase of the furniture business at Halverson Brothers at Slater, the style of the new firm being Maland & Viland. On March 1, 1907, he acquired his partner's interest and has since conducted the business independently. He is a licensed embalmer and has acquired an extensive patronage both in the sale of furniture and as an undertaker.

On the 22d of June, 1904, Mr. Viland was united in marriage to Miss Inger Askland, of Slater, a daughter of Colben Askland, who was born in Norway and emigrated to the United States in the same year as the Viland family, stopping for some time in the state of Illinois. Finally he located in Story county and he is now one of the successful farmers of Palestine township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Viland three children have been born: Clare Kenneth, Blanche Celestine and Lillian Margaret.

Mr. Viland gives his support to the republican party and has served in official positions for eight years past to the general satisfaction of the peo-

ple of his town and township. He and his wife are faithful members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He is secretary of the church and also superintendent of the Sunday school, showing an ability in church and Sunday school work that has greatly assisted in promoting the best interests of the community. He is a man of fine address and superior talents, moreover, possessing the laudable desire to advance the welfare and happiness of others, and he justly ranks as a leader in his locality.

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### OSTEN T. MOLDE.

The agricultural interests of Milford township find a worthy representative in Osten T. Molde, who is now living on section 23. His record is that of a self-made man for he not only started out in life empty-handed but also came to America without knowledge of the language or customs of the people. It was necessary that he familiarize himself with the speech of the American nation as well as to become acquainted with the methods of doing business here. Resolution and energy, however, have enabled him to work his way upward and he is now the owner of two hundred acres constituting one of the valuable and desirable farms of Milford township.

Mr. Molde is a native of the land of the midnight sun, his birth having occurred at Saude Ryffilke, Norway, on the 28th of November, 1854. His parents were Thormod and Rayna Molde, the latter now living at Saude at the advanced age of ninety-four years, her birth having occurred April 13, 1817. The father, who was born March 14, 1807, died in 1857. He was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for his family which numbered four sons and three daughters.

Osten T. Molde was the youngest, and the only son who came to the United States. He remained a resident of his native land until about twenty-seven years of age, when he sailed for the United States and made his way direct to Nevada, Iowa. He was not acquainted with a single person here and he could not speak the English language. He had only sixty-five dollars at the time of his arrival but he possessed what is better than capital—firm purpose, laudable ambition and unfaltering integrity. He has since resided in Story county and has spent most of the time in Milford township. He had previously learned the carpenter's trade in his native land and after coming to this county he worked for a time at his trade and also was employed at farm labor by the month. Following his marriage he began farming on his own account on rented land and so continued for five years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he was enabled to purchase eighty acres of his present farm which is situated on section 23, Milford township. He has added to this a tract of one hundred and twenty acres and now has an excellent farm property of two hundred acres upon which he has made good improvements, adding to it all of the

accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. His methods of tilling the soil are practical, and his work at all times is characterized by a progressiveness that produces excellent results.

On the 13th of December, 1883, Mr. Molde was united in marriage to Miss Gusta Jacobson, daughter of Johannes and Barbara (Teig) Jacobson. She was born in Norway, April 10, 1863, and with her parents came to the United States, settling first in Minnesota but removing a few months later to Story county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Molde have been born seven children: Julia, who is now engaged in dressmaking in Roland; Theodore; Emma; Gertie; Otis; Mabel; and Gladys.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church of Roland and are well known in their part of the county where they have gained many friends. Mr. Molde certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He has never regarded obstacles or difficulties as something to cause failure but rather as an impetus for renewed effort. He has worked earnestly and untiringly and there have been few idle hours in his life. Gradually, therefore, he has advanced and is now one of the substantial agriculturists of his adopted country.

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### J. H. BURROUGHS.

Realizing at the outset that advancement in business must depend upon close application, earnest purpose, unfaltering diligence and reliability, J. H. Burroughs has employed those qualities to reach the creditable place which he now occupies as one of the leading grocers of Nevada. He was born in Lake View, New Jersey, April 17, 1850, a son of George F. and Sarah (Major) Burroughs. The father was born in Cayuga county, New York, and became a foundryman, following that business until about fifty years of age, after which he turned his attention to farming. In 1868 he removed with his family to Cedar county, Iowa, and there carried on agricultural pursuits but retired in his later years. His last days were passed in Salem, South Dakota, where he died in 1907 in his ninetieth year. His wife, a native of New Jersey, passed away in Tipton, Iowa, in 1868, at the age of seventy-seven years.

J. H. Burroughs, the fifth in order of birth in their family of twelve children, resided in New Jersey until eighteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Tipton, Cedar county, where he resided until 1862. In that year he came to Nevada, where he has since made his home. For two years he worked in a foundry in New Jersey and Philadelphia under the direction of his father and after going to Tipton was employed in connection with the timber business for four years. He afterward went upon the farm and not only devoted his attention to the labors of the field but also engaged in teaching school for three terms. He likewise spent



four years at the court house in the position of deputy auditor and at different times engaged in clerking in stores in Tipton until 1890, when he entered into partnership with W. E. Elijah, with whom he was thus associated for two years.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Burroughs came to Nevada and purchased a grocery stock, conducting the store for two years, when he sold out. He spent the winter of 1895-6 at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, but in the spring returned to Nevada and purchased a furniture store, which he conducted for two and a half years. In 1898 he came to his present location, trading his furniture stock for a stock of groceries in the Ringheim block, where he carries a large and well selected line of goods, while his earnest desire to please his patrons and his honorable business methods are salient features in the success which is attending him. In addition to his grocery stock he owns three dwellings in Nevada and a farm near Crookston, Minnesota, embracing a quarter section of land.

In 1883 Mr. Burroughs was married to Miss Mary Ryder, a native of Tipton, and a daughter of Christian and Rachel Ryder. Mr. Burroughs belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Episcopal church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the principles that govern his conduct. Persistent, earnest labor has brought him success, and tangible evidence of his active and well spent life is found in his business and real-estate interests in Nevada.

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### J. H. RIDDLESBARGER.

Prominent among the business men of Nevada is J. H. Riddlesbarger, for twenty-five years past connected with the poultry business and also actively identified with other lines. He came to Nevada from Franklin Grove, Lee county, Illinois, in 1885, and was associated with A. F. Wingert, under title of Wingert & Riddlesbarger, the firm soon becoming widely known on account of its extensive operations in poultry. In 1900, the firm consolidated with Boardman Brothers and continued the business for three years, when Mr. Wingert and Boardman Brothers retired. Mr. Riddlesbarger and C. M. Morse then purchased the Boardman Brothers packing house, the name of the firm being changed to the Nevada Poultry Company. At the close of the year Mr. Morse withdrew and C. W. Harris was admitted as a partner, the title under which the business was conducted still remaining unchanged.

The Nevada Poultry Company handles annually half a million pounds of dressed and packed poultry, which is shipped principally to eastern and European markets. The company has built up an enviable reputation on account of the excellence of its products and the reliable business principles upon which its affairs are conducted. Mr. Riddlesbarger has from the



beginning been a leading factor in its management. During his residence in Nevada he has also been prominently connected with the live stock market, purchasing extensively for packing houses at Chicago. In addition to the interests mentioned, he is engaged in farming and is the owner of a well improved place of two hundred and fifty-five acres in Grant township. He is recognized as a progressive man of large enterprise and public spirit, and he has assisted very materially in enhancing the prosperity not only of Story county but of a much wider region in Iowa.

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### JOHN M. CHRISMAN.

John M. Chrisman, a son of James A. and Amanda J. (Fairbanks) Chrisman, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 16th of February, 1867. The father was a native of Ohio, being born in Highland county, and was a son of George Chrisman, who came to the United States from Germany with his parents when a small boy. The mother was born in Posey county, Indiana, a daughter of Alexander Fairbanks, a cabinet-maker by trade, who was born in Massachusetts and belonged to the Fairbanks family of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Chrisman were married in Bureau county, Illinois, and were the parents of four children, who are as follows: Emma, who became the wife of Joseph Burton of Lincoln, Nebraska; Catherine, the widow of Fred Conover, of Bradford, Illinois; John M., our subject; and William David, of Bradford, Illinois. The father always followed the vocation of farming, in which he was very successful. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the father was a very active worker until his death in 1899. The mother is still living at an advanced age and makes her home in Bureau county, Illinois.

Mr. Chrisman spent his younger years in a manner very similar to the majority of boys who are reared in the country. He attended the district schools to the age of fifteen years and for three years at Princeton, (Illinois) high school. He also took a course at the university in Valparaiso, Indiana, where he spent three years. At the age of twenty-one years he assumed the entire responsibility and control of the home farm, serving in this capacity for three years. At the expiration of that period he became a landowner, purchasing eighty acres of land in Bureau county, which he operated for nine years. In 1901 he came to Iowa and bought two hundred acres of land on section 32, Richland township, Story county, where he continues to reside. Mr. Chrisman has always made a specialty of feeding and raising cattle and hogs and in this he has met with success and substantial reward. He has very largely confined his efforts in this direction to shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

In 1892 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Chrisman and Miss Addie Reed, a daughter of Hudson and Sarah (Britton) Reed, the former a native

of Ohio and the latter of Illinois. They have become the parents of two children: Ruth and Gertrude, both of whom still reside at home.

The parents both attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Chrisman is a very active worker. He has always been a very public-spirited man and takes an active interest in politics, his support being given to the republican party. He is now and has been for the past six years one of the township trustees, is also a member of the school board, of which he was at one time treasurer, and in addition to these two offices he is serving on the township central committee and is a director of the First National Bank of Nevada.

Both the public and private life of Mr. Chrisman has at all times been such that he has won and held the esteem and respect of those with whom he comes in contact in either a business or social way. He has been successful in the vocation he chose to follow, but it has been a steady progression every step of which has been won and held by his business ability and close application to the course which he had marked out for himself.

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### NICHOLAS SIMSER.

Nicholas Simser, who for nearly thirty years past has been engaged in the blacksmith business at Nevada, Iowa, and at the present time serving as member of the city council, is a native of Canada. He was born on a farm, November 3, 1843, and is of good Teutonic ancestry on the paternal side, being the son of John and Martha (Woods) Simser. The father was a native of New York and the mother of Canada. His grandfather, John Simser, adhered to the British cause at the time of the Revolutionary war and fought in the army of the king, seeking safety in Canada after the close of the war, where he spent the remainder of his life. The father of our subject passed his entire life in Canada, where he engaged successfully in farming. He died at an advanced age when the subject of this review was a young man. The mother departed this life in 1876 at the age of eighty years. Her father also fled to Canada at the close of the Revolution, having been an ardent sympathizer of the British. Mr. and Mrs. Simser were both members of the Episcopal church. There were thirteen children in the family, the first two being girls and the next seven, boys, Nicholas being the seventh of the latter in order of birth.

He was reared on the home farm and gained his early education in the country schools, also being taught by his father the value of labor. After attaining manhood he learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1865, believing that more favorable opportunities were presented under the flag of the republic, he came to the United States, his first employment being upon a bridge which was in course of erection at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. After completing that work he worked for four years in a blacksmith shop and then

opened a shop of his own at Stockbridge, Wisconsin, which he conducted for six years. In the spring of 1876 he was allured by the mines to Deadwood, South Dakota, remaining in the Black Hills for four years, a large part of which time he spent eagerly searching for the yellow metal. He was moderately successful in his quest but not finding a fortune he returned to Wisconsin, where he was married, and in May, 1881, he came to Nevada, Iowa, and entered the employment of William Gates. Having decided to make this place his prominent home, he purchased a shop that stood on the corner now occupied by the Peoples Saving Bank, and, his work prospering, he built the shop which he has since owned and which is located a few doors north of the spot of his original establishment. By close attention to his business he has secured a large patronage and now enjoys a prosperity, which is the result of many years of applied energy.

In 1881 Mr. Simser was united in marriage to Miss Etta B. Miller, who was born near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, May 14, 1861. Two children have blessed this union: Jay Adam, who was born March 8, 1888, and is now telephone manager at Roland, Iowa; and Erma B., who was born May 3, 1895, and is attending school.

Mr. Simser is identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, having been a charter member of Samson Lodge, No. 77, Nevada, of the latter organization. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and is an ardent advocate of its principles. As a patriotic citizen he attempts to perform his duty to the community and is now serving most acceptably as member of the city council. He is essentially a self-made man. Starting as a poor boy he has climbed from the bottom of the ladder financially and has now attained a position of independence. Recognizing the difficulties that lie in the way of young men who have the desire to advance, he is always ready to extend a helping hand to every worthy aspirant, and it is safe to say that no man in this region has a greater number of true friends than the subject of this review.

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### HENRY F. WOODRUFF.

Henry F. Woodruff is one of the extensive landowners of Story county, although for the past two years he has made his home in Ames, from which point he has superintended his agricultural interests. In the management of his affairs he displays keen judgment, strong purpose and laudable ambition, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was born in Seneca county, New York, March 8, 1849, his parents being Benjamin and Ruth (Fuller) Woodruff, both of whom were also natives of the Empire state. The mother died when her son was but six weeks old, and in 1853 the father removed to Lenawee county, Michigan, where he resided for ten years, when he went to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

He spent his last days in Ames, in Story county, at the home of his son Henry F., passing away here in 1898, at the age of eighty-two years. His father, John Woodruff, was a soldier of the Mexican war, who was wounded in battle and died a few years later. Henry F. Woodruff has a sister, Emma J., who is now the wife of Austin Burbank, of Ypsilanti, Michigan. He also has a half-sister, Mrs. Ruth McClay, who is living in Rockford, Illinois.

Henry F. Woodruff was but four years old when the father removed to Michigan and was a youth of fourteen when the family home was established in Ann Arbor, where he attended the high school. In 1868 he came to Story county and purchased a farm in Washington township on the Boone county line. There he actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits until about two years ago, when he erected his present beautiful residence at No. 1215 Lincoln avenue in Ames and took up his abode in the city. He retains the ownership of the home farm and has other property, making him one of the large landholders of this part of the state. He owns a farm on section 24, Colfax township, Boone county, the southwest quarter of section 18, Washington township, this county, and also land on section 19, Washington township, his total possessions aggregating eight hundred and seventy-four acres, divided into four farms and improved with four sets of buildings. The land, however, is all in one body and constitutes a very valuable and productive property, from which Mr. Woodruff derives a substantial annual income. For thirty years he engaged extensively in feeding cattle and also bought and sold cattle, his live stock interests constituting an important branch of his business. His success has come through judicious investment and the wise management of his affairs and is well merited.

In 1872 Mr. Woodruff was united in marriage to Miss Libby Lambert, who was born in Jackson county, Michigan, and died in Story county, Iowa, March 15, 1891, at the age of forty-two years. Their children were: Laura Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Perry and died in 1907, leaving five children; Minnie, who died in 1894; Effie, who died in the same year of typhoid fever, as did her sister; Benjamin, a resident of British Columbia; and Theressa W., the wife of Hiram H. Powers, a professor at the experimental station at Crookston, Minnesota. In the fall of 1892, in Michigan, Mr. Woodruff married Theressa Lambert, a sister of his first wife.

In his religious faith Mr. Woodruff is a Methodist. He manifests a citizen's interest in public affairs, giving his aid and support to many measures and projects for the general good. He finds great delight in travel and has visited all of the world's fairs held in this country. On the 10th of February, 1910, he left San Francisco for a tour around the world, reaching Ames on the 20th of July after a six months' absence. It was a most enjoyable trip and his mind is today stored with many interesting memories of the lands and people that he visited. His is the notable record of a successful business man, who owes his progress to his recognition and utili-



zation of opportunity. By untiring industry and wise investment he has worked his way steadily upward and his success has been so worthily won that the most envious could not begrudge him his prosperity. He has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of another in business transactions but has placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of industry, determination and close application.

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#### L. G. ROSENFELD.

The history of agricultural and stock-raising interests in Story county would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to the Rosenfeld family, for through many years representatives of the name have closely been associated with business of this character and in fact have been leaders in farming and kindred activities.

He whose name introduces this review was born in Morrison, Illinois, on the 9th of July, 1864, and was brought to Story county by his parents in the spring of 1873. He is a son of George and Louisa (Fritch) Rosenfeld. The father was born in Baden, Germany, June 4, 1824, took part in the Baden rebellion and was captured by the Prussian army, being one of the fifteen hundred prisoners who were locked up in a church. From that number the enemy each morning took out six officers and shot them. Mr. Rosenfeld in company with General Sigel managed to escape, forty-four of the number forcing their way out of prison. He made his way to the United States as soon as possible. In 1853 he secured a French passport and in the year 1855 he arrived in New York. The same year he was married and soon afterward removed westward to Morrison, Illinois, where he worked at the mason's trade, which he had previously learned in his native country. In 1873 he removed to Story county, Iowa, and was here killed by the cars while driving a team across the railroad, on the 6th of March, 1902. He had devoted his life to farming in this state and had prospered in his undertakings, becoming the owner of five hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land. He had purchased two hundred and forty acres of the home place here in 1866 but did not take up his abode thereon until 1873.

L. G. Rosenfeld was at that time a lad of nine years. The family home was situated a mile north of Kellogg, on section 33, Washington township, and he has resided upon this farm continuously since. He remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on another part of the farm about a half mile east of Kelley but still on section 33. He owns one hundred and ten acres of the old home place, and his property constitutes one of the valuable and desirable farms of the neighborhood. Here he is engaged in breeding French draft horses, to which business he has devoted his attention untiringly and successfully since 1902. He owns



an imported stallion called Courageous, also another named Gotch, and has five thoroughbred mares. His horses are all eligible to registry in both French draft and Percheron classes. Mr. Rosenfeld was a breeder of Hereford cattle for a number of years but does not give any attention to that business at the present time. He also breeds Berkshire hogs and his stock-raising interests are to him a profitable source of income.

In 1891 occurred the marriage of Mr. Rosenfeld and Miss Ella M. Morris, who was born in Morrison, Illinois, May 22, 1866, and is a daughter of Willard and Addie Morris. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfeld have been born two daughters, Mabel and Blanch, who are now high-school students in Ames.

The family are prominent socially in the county and have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Rosenfeld has made for himself a creditable position in business circles, being regarded today as one of the leading representatives of stock-breeding interests in Story county. He has thoroughly informed himself regarding everything that promotes the success of stock-breeders, especially in raising Percheron draft horses and Berkshire hogs. He works untiringly, is strictly honorable in all of his dealings, and success has come to him as the merited reward of his labor.

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### JAMES H. KIRK.

James H. Kirk, a well known farmer of Union township, was born in Lebanon, Kentucky, on the 3d of August, 1832, and is the son of Travis and Melinda (Purdy) Kirk, also natives of the Blue Grass state, whence they removed to McDonough county, Illinois, in 1841, making their home there until they passed away. There our subject grew to manhood, receiving a practical education in the common schools. In 1853, he came to Iowa, and located in Polk county, where he worked as a farm hand for three years. The following year was spent in Mills county, and at the end of that time he returned to McDonough county, where he remained until he entered the service of his country, enlisting in 1862, in Company D, One Hundred Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He was discharged the following November, and the next April returned to Iowa, spending one more year in Polk county.

In the spring of 1864, we again find Mr. Kirk in Iowa, and this time he took up his abode in Story county, following farming for himself as a renter for some years. In 1896 he purchased eighty acres of land in Union township, on which he lived until September, 1871, when he sold the place and removed to Kansas. He made his home in that state for three and one half years, but has since been a resident of this county, and now owns and operates a good farm of eighty acres in Union township.

In 1809 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kirk and Miss Elizabeth C. Warren of Story county, a daughter of John and Ellen (Groseclose) Warren, both natives of Johnson county, Indiana. It was in the fall of 1853 that the Warren family came to Story county, Iowa, and the father purchased the farm now owned by our subject, where he and his wife continued to reside until called to their final rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirk were born nine children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Charles W., who is now principal of the Collins schools; James Burtis, a farmer of Polk county, Iowa; Edward A., a resident of Greeley, Colorado; Frank B., who is now operating his father's farm; Addie E., the wife of Harley Elliott of Union township; Lulu, the wife of Ingral Hendrickson of Cambridge; and Carl H., of Des Moines.

The republican party finds in Mr. Kirk a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has taken quite an active part in local affairs, serving as constable for five years, assessor for eight years, and as a member of the school board for over twenty years. Fraternally he is connected with Ermland Post No. 234, G. A. R., of Cambridge, and both he and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. During his long residence in this county he has become widely and favorably known, and is a man honored and esteemed by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### CHARLES F. STUART.

Charles F. Stuart is an honored veteran of the Civil war but was no more loyal to his country at that time than he is in days of peace, for he is ever ready to aid in promoting projects and movements tending to advance the welfare of county, state or nation. Much of his life has been spent in Iowa and he is now living on section 24, Franklin township, where he owns and cultivates fifty-three and a half acres of land.

He was born at Bridgeport, Belmont county, Ohio, May 13, 1843, and is a son of Joseph and Diana (Richardson) Stuart, the latter a native of Maine, as was probably the father. They lived for a number of years in Belmont county, Ohio, and in 1858 became residents of Jones county, Iowa, settling about three miles northwest of Olin. Their remaining days were passed in that county, where the mother died in 1868, at the age of fifty-seven years, while the father passed away in 1870, at the age of sixty-seven. He was a millwright and followed that trade while in Ohio, but after coming to Iowa turned his attention to farming. Unto him and his wife were born four sons and five daughters: George A., who enlisted at Reynoldsburg and served for three years in the Civil war, after which he died in Illinois; Charles, who passed away at the age of seven years; Mrs. Elmira Jane Robinett, now deceased; Mrs. Mary Ann Forquer Norman,



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of Ashland, Oregon; Mrs. Emeline Norton, of Laramie, Wyoming; Charles F.; John Albert, who enlisted in February, 1864, and served until the close of the Civil war, his home being now in Jones county, Iowa; Mrs. Virginia Bickford, of Washington, Iowa; and Diana, who died at the age of sixteen years.

When a youth of fifteen years Charles F. Stuart, in 1858, accompanied his parents to Jones county, Iowa, and was living upon the home farm, about three miles northwest of Olin, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and he joined the Union army, enlisting on the 10th of August, 1861, as a member of Company B, Ninth Iowa Infantry, under Captain D. A. Carpenter. The command was assigned to the army of the southwest and was on duty in Missouri and Arkansas, participating in its first engagement at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Mr. Stuart also took part in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou and was afterward taken ill, being poisoned with the water at Yazoo river. Later he participated in the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, and in the siege of Vicksburg, in which he was twice wounded, on the 22d of May, 1863. These were only flesh wounds, however, and he was off duty but for ten days. He took part in the second engagement at Jackson, then went back to Black river and afterward to Iuka, Tennessee, where he became ill and was left in the hospital for a few days. He was then again on duty at the battle of Brandon, after which the troops went into winter quarters. In December, 1863, he reenlisted in the same company and regiment and was granted a thirty days' veteran furlough. At the battle at Dallas, Georgia, he was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville, where he remained from the 27th of May, 1864, until the 10th of September. He was then removed to Florence, South Carolina, where he continued until the 5th of February, 1865, when he made his escape. He was three months in getting to the lines and his companion who escaped with him was taken sick, Mr. Stuart remaining with him for five weeks, during which time they were cared for by an old negro. They then rejoined Sherman's forces at Charleston and reached their regiment at Alexandria, Virginia, on the 19th of May, 1865. After participating in the grand review at Washington, D. C., they were sent to Louisville, Kentucky, where they were discharged and mustered out on the 19th of July, 1865.

Mr. Stuart at once returned to his home in Jones county, Iowa, and resumed farming. There he resided until 1874, when he came to Story county. Here he operated a ditching machine for two years, after which he engaged in farming for two or three years. He then followed rail-roading until 1892, acting as bridge foreman, and since that date he has given his attention to general agricultural pursuits, owning and cultivating fifty-three and a half acres of land on section 24, Franklin township. The farm is well tilled and developed and brings to him a good annual income.

Mr. Stuart was married in Jones county, September 14, 1865, to Miss Minerva Overball, who was born in Ohio, May 13, 1845, and died at Ana-



mosa, Iowa, February 19, 1874. They had three children: Joseph Michael, who died in infancy; Charles Wilber, who died at Ames when twenty-four years of age; and Mrs. Arlinna May Everett, who died leaving one daughter, Bessie.

On the 27th of June, 1875, Mr. Stuart was again married, his second union being with Ellen Elliott, who was born in Story county, Iowa, December 25, 1854, a daughter of Clark and Mary Elliott, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. They came to Story county in August, 1854, and the father died at Ames, but the mother is now living in Des Moines. Four children have been born to the second marriage of Mr. Stuart: Gertrude, now the wife of Roy Taylor, of Franklin township; Maude, the wife of Fay Taylor; Clark; and Bessie, the wife of S. B. Allen. All are residents of Franklin township.

Mr. Stuart is a member of the United Brethren church at Ames and also belongs to Ellsworth Post, G. A. R., of which he became a charter member. He has always been true to the banners under which he has marched and to the cause which he has espoused. Loyalty is one of his strong characteristics and the county today numbers him among its public-spirited citizens.

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### DWIGHT W. BOYDSTON.

For twelve years past engaged in the jewelry business at Nevada, Dwight W. Boydston has attained recognition as an enterprising and progressive citizen whose example and influence have contributed materially to the permanent welfare of the city. He is a native of Knoxville, Iowa, born July 4, 1870, and is a son of George L. and Josephine C. (Waus) Boydston. The father was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and is of German parentage. He learned the timer's trade and in his early manhood came to Iowa, subsequently locating at Knoxville, where he has been engaged in the grocery business for the past twenty-seven years. He is also the owner of a fine farm in Marion county. He was a soldier in the Civil war and gives his allegiance to the republican party, with which he has been identified ever since he arrived at voting age. He has been an active worker politically and served for five years as treasurer of Marion county. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic. His religious views are indicated by membership in the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and a stanch supporter. The mother of our subject is a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and is also an earnest member of the Methodist church. She is now fifty-five years of age, while her husband is ten years her senior. There were two children in their family: Dwight W., our subject; and Marion, who is now engaged in the general merchandise business at Fairmount, Nebraska.

Dwight W. Boydston received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduating from the Knoxville high school, after which he attended the Bradley Polytechnic School at Peoria, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1898. Having laid the foundation for a successful career by a thorough education and being attracted to mercantile pursuits, he came to Nevada in the spring of 1899 and entered the jewelry business in the First National Bank building, where he has since continued, being now accounted one of the substantial business men of the city.

On October 12, 1904, Mr. Boydston was united in marriage to Miss Cora A. Thompson, a daughter of F. D. and Abigail Thompson, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Boydston: George L., who was born July 26, 1907; and Josephine, born July 20, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Boydston are both members of the Presbyterian church, in whose behalf they are active workers. He is a valued member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias and politically gives his support to the republican party. He has shown capability in his business affairs and a promptness and efficiency in the discharge of every duty, which have won him the honor and esteem of all classes of people. He has now secured a handsome competence and is numbered among the representative citizens of Nevada.

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### HIRAM E. EMERY.

Hiram E. Emery, a contractor and builder of Ames whose ability and business integrity constitute the foundation upon which he has raised the superstructure of his success, was born about a half mile northeast of Nevada on the 24th of August, 1858, his parents being John and Amanda (Stull) Emery. The father's birth occurred in Wheeling, West Virginia, November 28, 1832, while the mother was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1835.

The paternal grandfather, Thomas Emery, came to Story county, Iowa, with his family in 1857 and his death here occurred in 1868. His wife, Mrs. Barbara Emery, died in Grant township in 1890. They had four children, William, Mary, John and Sarah J. The eldest is now living in London, Ohio, at the age of more than eighty-five years. Mary is the wife of Rev. Samuel Gossard, who was one of the first Methodist Episcopal preachers of Story county. Sarah became the wife of Thomas Gossard, the nephew of Rev. Samuel Gossard. He was a soldier of the Civil war prior to his marriage and died in 1889. His widow is now a resident of Onawa, Iowa. The third member of the family was John Emery, who married Amanda Stull and they became parents of Hiram E. Emery. Both became residents of Madison county, Ohio, in childhood days and were there

reared and married. They arrived in Story county, Iowa, in the spring of 1857, traveling by boat to Keokuk and reaching their destination on the 1st of March. They located on the place where the birth of Hiram E. Emery occurred and five years later the father entered land in Grant township but never resided upon that farm. Subsequently he purchased a farm on section 32, Grant township, whereon he lived until 1882, when he took up his abode in Ames. In 1885 he removed to O'Brien county, Iowa, where he resided until 1895, when he went to live with his son Hiram in Poweshiek county. Later Hiram E. Emery returned to Ames, accompanied by his father, who passed away here on the 28th of December, 1908. Since the death of her husband the mother has resided with the daughter in O'Brien county. In their family were nine children: Mary, who died in Ohio in infancy; Hiram E.; Nettie B., the wife of Homer Morgan of Cherokee county; Charles F., also of Cherokee county; E. Grant, of Montana; Frank, a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa; William, of Sanborn, Iowa; John, who died in infancy; and Florence, the wife of Fred Marunda, of Primghar, O'Brien county.

Hiram E. Emery was reared to farm life, remaining with his parents until twenty-two years of age, during which period he became familiar with all the labors of field and meadow. He then began working at the carpenter's trade in Ames and was employed by O. P. Stuckslager for three years. Subsequently he was employed at bridge work and building for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company for five years, and subsequently spent two years in similar service with the Milwaukee Railway Company. Since that time he has engaged in contracting and building on his own account and now has a liberal patronage. He has done much work in Ames and throughout the surrounding country, confining his attention largely to the building of houses. He has made judicious investments in property and is the owner of a good farm in O'Brien county and another in Minnesota, while in Ames he has three good residences and other business interests. His life has indeed been a busy and useful one, and the success which has come to him is the merited reward of earnest labor.

On Christmas Day of 1880 Mr. Emery was united in marriage to Miss Arminda J. Brown, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, December 27, 1862, but when 9 years of age went to Poweshiek county, Iowa, with her father's family. She was the daughter of Samuel and Victoria Brown. The mother died when her daughter was but five years of age, and the father afterward married again. Mr. and Mrs. Emery became the parents of two children but the younger, J. V., died in infancy. The elder, Samuel Orville, is now attending the high school.

Mr. Emery belongs to the Masonic fraternity in which he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council. He also holds membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Homesteaders. His has been a well spent life, devoted to the duty close at hand. There is nothing hesitating or vacillating in his nature. When he sees that there is

something that should be done, he does it, and his promptness and ability in the discharge of his work have been strong elements in his success. Gradually he has advanced in his business life and now occupies a creditable position among the contractors and builders of Story county.

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### CYRUS SIMMONS.

Cyrus Simmons was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Story county and for many years was identified with its agricultural interests. Those who yet remember him—and his friends were many—speak of him in terms of high regard and attest the fact that his labors were an element in the substantial improvement and upbuilding of this section. He was born November 3, 1823, in Ohio, a son of Lorenzo and Anna (Taylor) Simmons, whose family included Henry, Amos, Rachel, John, Warren, and Cyrus, who was the third child.

Cyrus Simmons spent his youthful days in Ohio, acquiring his education in such schools as the home neighborhood afforded. When about twenty years of age he accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Adamsville, Michigan, and there he was married in 1853 to Miss Rosetta Corwin, who was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, February 13, 1836, a daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Hewlitt) Corwin, who removed from New York to Michigan and there spent their remaining days. In their family were eleven children of whom Mrs. Simmons and Stillman Corwin, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, are the only ones now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons began their domestic life in the Wolverine state where they resided until 1855, and then came to Story county, Iowa, making the trip in a wagon. Here Mr. Simmons purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres which he secured at the nominal price of four dollars per acre. It was wild and unimproved land, but with characteristic energy he began to turn the sod and prepare the fields for cultivation. In time planting was done and crops were ultimately gathered. Year by year the work of the farm was carried on until the place was converted into a rich and productive tract of land from which large harvests were annually garnered. After some years Mr. Simmons sold two eighty-acre tracts of his place, leaving to his widow eighty acres which is situated on section 14, Washington township. He also had some timber land. He made substantial improvements upon his farm, including the erection of good buildings, and remained there until his death, which occurred in June, 1878.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Simmons there were born three children but two of the number died in infancy. The surviving daughter, Alice, is the wife of Albert Kelly and they reside upon the old Simmons homestead, Mr.



Kelly operating the farm. They have three children, Ruth, Ralph and Floyd.

A third of a century has passed away since Mr. Simmons was called to his final rest, but he is yet remembered by many of the old settlers and citizens of this country as a man of genuine worth, active and industrious, and loyal to the best interests of the community. Mrs. Simmons is today the eldest resident in this neighborhood, having lived here for more than fifty-five years, during which period she has witnessed a marvelous transformation. When she came there were no railroads, much of the land was unclaimed and uncultivated and the work of civilization and improvement seemed scarcely begun. She has seen cross-roads villages transformed into thriving cities and towns and as the years have gone by has also witnessed substantial growth in educational and moral progress as well as along material lines. She can relate many interesting incidents of the early days when the homes were small and luxuries few but when hospitality reigned supreme and a spirit of general helpfulness existed among neighbors.

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### JAMES H. LARSON.

One of the highly esteemed business men of Roland is James H. Larson, who is also serving his second term as mayor of the village. He is the son of Lars and Joanna Haugen, both natives of Norway. The father was born in Norway in 1827 and came to the United States in 1867, locating in Kendall county, Illinois. During his first five years of residence in the United States he worked by the day and then rented a place in Howard township, Story county, Iowa, which he cultivated until 1870. By thrift, careful management and untiring application he acquired the means which enabled him to become a property owner and in 1870 he bought eighty acres of land on which he lived until 1890, when he added to his holdings another one hundred and sixty acres. Shortly after this he withdrew from active farming and is now living retired in Huxley, Iowa, enjoying the fruit of his early labors, his realty yielding him a sufficient income to provide him with the necessities of life and some of the luxuries. Mr. and Mrs. Haugen were the parents of nine children, of whom seven are living: James H., our subject; John, residing in Salem, Oregon; Louis, living at Lakeland, Minnesota; Belle, a resident of Colorado Springs; Cornelius, of Devil's Lake, North Dakota; Eddie, residing in Seattle, Washington; and Louise, who is the wife of Elmer Thompson.

Mr. Larson spent his boyhood and youth on a farm, performing such work as paternal authority dictated. His education was mainly acquired in night school and he enjoyed the sports and games usually favored by



young people. He remained at home assisting his father until he was eighteen years of age, when he began business for himself by drilling wells. He continued in that business for thirteen years, doing some farming at intervals, but in 1900 he embarked into the grain business. After he had engaged in that for seven years he sold out and went into the lumber business, which he is now following. In addition to his lumber interests Mr. Larson is a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank and the Story Independent Telephone Company.

Mr. Larson established a home for himself by his marriage to Miss May Erickson, a daughter of Michael Erickson. Unto them have been born five children: Leonard, Severt, Malcolm and Mildred, all of whom are at school; and Avis, who is at home. The family always worship with the Lutheran denomination in which church the parents hold membership and are ardent workers. Mr. Larson is one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of his community, who well deserves the esteem which his fellow citizens entertain for him.

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### HENRY CLAY LOWREY.

Henry Clay Lowrey is one of the extensive landowners of Storey county and one of the most prominent importers and breeders of Percheron horses. His business interests have been so wisely and ably conducted that success in large measure has come to him and by all is acknowledged to be the merited reward of his effort.

Mr. Lowrey was born in McLean county, Illinois, March 28, 1858, his parents being Joseph and Josephine (Jenkins) Lowrey. The father, a native of Scotland, came to the United States in 1830, settling in Pennsylvania, where he lived for a short time when with two companions he started on horseback for Illinois, which at that time was largely a frontier region. Land could be obtained at a very low figure on the western frontier and Mr. Lowrey traded a horse for one hundred and sixty acres. He then turned his attention to farming and with characteristic energy converted his place into highly cultivated and productive fields. As he prospered in his undertakings he made other investments in property until his holdings aggregated several thousand acres, and he was numbered among the wealthy farmers of McLean county at the time of his death. He left a widow and four children to mourn his loss.

H. C. Lowrey, the third in order of birth, spent his boyhood and youth upon the old home farm in McLean county and in the district schools acquired his early education, which was afterward supplemented by study in the Kentucky University at Lexington for a year. He was then compelled to return home to assist in the management of the farm and remained in McLean county until 1894, when he removed to Story county,

Iowa, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock-breeding, making a specialty of importing Percheron horses from France. He is one of the largest importers of the state and has made forty trips abroad for that purpose. He has a splendidly improved farm, equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences and has upon the place every facility for the care of his stock. Energy, economy, thrift and diligence have enabled him to win a place among the prosperous agriculturists of his adopted county, within the borders of which he now owns eight hundred acres of valuable land, while in Big Stone county, Minnesota, he owns four hundred acres.

Mr. Lowrey was married, November 5, 1890, to Miss Elizabeth Otto, of McLean county, Illinois, and to them have been born three children: Joseph and Lawrence, who aid in carrying on the home farm; and Leona, at school.

Mr. Lowrey gives his political support to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is honest almost to a fault. His word is as good as his bond, and he has never been one to take advantage of the necessities of another in any business transaction. He would far rather suffer loss himself than inflict it upon anyone else. He has prospered by reason of his close application, his intelligently directed effort and his sound judgment, and his record should serve to encourage and inspire others.

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### LOVETTE OLIVER.

Lovette Oliver, a capitalist of Gilbert, who has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes, was for many years identified with commercial pursuits and at the present time is vice president of the Gilbert Savings Bank, although not in active control of the institution. Large investments in lands, as well as in bank stock, indicate the success which has come to him as the reward of persistent and intelligently directed labor.

He was born in Livingston county, New York, October 13, 1846, a son of John and Mary (Rosenberg) Oliver. The father was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1810, and when about twenty years of age crossed the Atlantic, becoming a resident of New York, where he married Miss Mary Rosenberg, who was born in the Empire state in 1820. About 1850 he removed with his family to Indiana, where he lived for three years, and then became a resident of Kenosha county, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1860. He then came to Ames, Iowa, but spent his last days in Neosho, Missouri, where he passed away in 1871. His widow long survived him and died in Missouri on the 11th of October, 1910. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, serving a seven years' apprenticeship in



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England and afterward following his trade in the United States until his removal to Wisconsin, when he turned his attention to farming. Unto him and his wife were born nine children: Mrs. Mary Dowse, now deceased; James, of Montana; Lovette, of this review; Mrs. Eliza Walker, of Neosho, Missouri; John, a resident of Cummins, Iowa; Mrs. Libby Mott, deceased; William, of Neosho, Missouri; Charles, a resident of Ames; and one who died in infancy.

Lovette Oliver was only six years of age when he accompanied his parents to Indiana and a youth of nine years when they went to Kenosha county, Wisconsin. There he resided until 1869, when, at the age of twenty-three years, he made his way to Ames, since which time he has lived in Story county. He was reared to farm life from the age of nine and was continuously connected with agricultural pursuits until the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war. He offered his aid to the government in Lake county, Illinois, in February, 1865, and was assigned to duty with Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he continued until the close of hostilities, doing guard duty most of the time with the Army of the Cumberland. He then returned home, after which he engaged in teaching school in the winter months and in the summer seasons studied photography. After his removal to Ames he opened a photographic gallery, which he conducted for three years and then removed to a farm a mile and a half southeast of the present site of Gilbert. Bending his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his land he transformed his farm into a valuable place and remained active in its improvement and control until 1880. When the town of Gilbert was founded he opened a lumberyard there and was engaged in the lumber and implement business for twenty-eight years. When he retired he was the oldest dealer in those lines in either Story or Boone counties. Throughout the entire period he had enjoyed an extensive patronage, for he had closely applied himself to business and at all times met the demands of his patrons with courteous service and honorable dealing. He was therefore accorded an extensive patronage and his business brought him substantial returns. As he prospered in his undertakings he invested more and more largely in real estate. He sold his farm property in Story county but is the owner of good farming land in Palo Alto county, together with eight hundred acres in South Dakota. He and his brother John owned and conducted a lumberyard at Cummins for several years but at length sold it. Lovette Oliver has invested in bank stock and has been vice president of the Gilbert Savings Bank since its organization in 1906. His attention, however, is merely given to the supervision of his invested interests and he is enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In November, 1868, Mr. Oliver was united in marriage in Lake county, Illinois, to Miss Lavina Ruth, who was born in that county, October 11, 1846, and is a daughter of Erwin and Leah (Brown) Ruth. Mr. and



Mrs. Oliver have two children: Irene, now the wife of Oscar Johnson, living two miles west of Gilbert; and Dr. Clifford L. Oliver, who is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago and now a practicing physician of Graceville, Minnesota.

Mr. Oliver has been a lifelong republican, active in support of the party and its principles. He served as township clerk of Franklin township for fifteen years, has done effective work as a progressive member of the city council of Gilbert and in the spring of 1910 was elected mayor, since which time he has given to the city a business-like and public-spirited administration, resulting beneficially to Gilbert in many ways. He is likewise a valued representative of fraternal organizations. He is a charter member of Frank Bentley Post No. 79, G. A. R., and also of the Odd Fellows lodge of Gilbert, and he joined the Congregational church of the town on its organization and has since been one of its active and helpful members. With the exception of two years he has served continuously as clerk of the church and for twenty-five years has been superintendent of the Sunday school, doing excellent work in making the methods of the school of interest to the young and thus inculcating in their minds lessons which are factors in character building. While he has met with splendid success, business has been to him but one phase of existence and not the end and aim of life. He has at all times recognized his duties and obligations in other relations and stands as a high type of American manhood and chivalry.

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#### SAMUEL S. STATLER.

Samuel S. Statler, now living retired at Nevada, was for many years actively identified with its business interests. He has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey and, having throughout life been governed by strict principles of honor and fidelity to every trust, he enjoys the good-will of all who know him. He was born in Stoyestown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1830, and is a son of Jonathan Statler, also a native of Pennsylvania. The family on the paternal side is of German origin and good Revolutionary stock, the early progenitors having arrived in America during colonial days. Jonathan Statler was a merchant and also owner of a tannery, being known as a man of good business judgment and reliable character. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and politically was identified with the democratic party. He was called away at the age of fifty six years, in 1860. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Maria Snell, was born in Pennsylvania, May 14, 1811. She was of Scotch descent and possessed many admirable traits inherited from worthy ancestry. She was a firm believer

in the Bible and for many years an active worker in the Methodist church. She departed this life September 24, 1887.

Samuel S. Statler is one of a family of four children and received his education in private schools, the public-school system not being then established. He remained with his parents until after reaching manhood but in 1855, being then twenty-five years of age, he started out for himself. Coming west to Nevada, Iowa, he was connected for a year or more with the land business. He soon gained many friends in Story county and was appointed deputy county treasurer and recorder under William Lockridge, serving for three years. In 1873 he was elected county treasurer and filled that office for one term, while previously he had served as member of the board of supervisors from Nevada township. After retiring from the treasureship he entered the grocery business, in which he continued about fifteen years. During this time he also acted as agent of the American Express Company, continuing in that capacity after retiring from the grocery business and serving altogether twenty-five years as representative of the express company in Nevada. Since giving up this position he has taken no part in business affairs.

On March 22, 1860, Mr. Statler was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Stephens, who was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1831, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lytle) Stephens. The parents came to Nevada in the spring of 1858 and here took up their permanent abode. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Statler: Samuel V., James F. and Sidna, all of whom are deceased; one who died in infancy; Edgar, further mention of whom is made below; Carrie Ellen, who married Frank A. Flach, of Amboy, Illinois, and is the mother of four children; Margaret, at home; and Ferdinand, a fruit grower of Elberta, Utah. The mother of these children was called from earthly scenes December 23, 1908. She was a woman of many noble qualities of mind and heart, who thought no sacrifice too great provided it added to the comfort and happiness of those with whom she was associated.

Edgar Statler was born in Nevada, Iowa, in 1865. He was educated in the public schools and engaged in various occupations until arriving at the age of twenty-five years, when he entered his father's grocery, continuing there for three years. Subsequently he engaged in other lines but since 1903 has again been identified with the grocery business and has met with a goodly measure of success. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party and fraternally is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, of which he is a liberal supporter. In 1889 he was married to Miss Cora M. Slifer, who was born in Grundy Center, Iowa, in 1871. There are five children in their family.

Samuel S. Statler is a member in high standing of the different bodies of the Masonic order and is connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. He has for many years been affiliated with the Odd Fellows and is the oldest member of the order in Story county and the only charter mem-

ber living. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party. Always straightforward, sincere and generous in judging others, he was early recognized as the possessor of those estimable qualities that are most essential in the formation of manly character. That he has ably performed his part is the unanimous opinion of those who know him best.

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### FRANK JOHNSTON ECKELS.

One of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Story county is Frank Johnston Eckels, who was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of September, 1855. His father, James Starr Eckels was also from the Keystone state, having been born in Cumberland county on the 7th of December, 1827. The latter was a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson University and after having completed his academic course studied law. Before he began practicing, however, he filled the chair of Latin and Greek in a school at Greenville, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Herron, a daughter of James and Isabelle (Johnston) Herron. Her father was a native of Pittsburg, the descendant of the Pennsylvania branch of the family, and the mother of New York, her family being originally from Kentucky, however.

James Starr Eckels left Pennsylvania in 1857 and located with his family in Princeton, Illinois, where he practiced law up to the time of his death. He was a member of the democratic party and was always very active in politics. He was several times the candidate of his party for congress in a republican district and he was also a delegate to all of the democratic national conventions while in politics. He passed away in Princeton, Illinois, in 1907. In his family were four children. Frank Johnston of this review is the eldest. James Herron, who was a lawyer, received the appointment as comptroller of currency during the Cleveland administration and after his retirement from office was elected to the presidency of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago. His death occurred in Chicago in April, 1897. George Morris is at present acting as legal counselor of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago. And Jane Isabelle is the widow of the late Dr. C. A. Palmer, of Princeton, Illinois. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a brother of the paternal grandfather of Mrs. William Taft, the wife of the president of the United States, thus Mrs. Taft and the children of James Starr Eckels are cousins.

Frank Johnston Eckels acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Princeton and after graduation from the high school he went to Albany, New York, to attend law school, having chosen the profession of his father as his vocation. He received his degree in 1875 and, returning to Princeton, entered the office of his father, with whom he continued to practice until 1882, when he decided to give up law for agricul-

tural pursuits and with this purpose in view located in Wellington, Ohio. After eighteen years residence in the Buckeye state he removed to Iowa, locating on two hundred and twenty acres of land in Story county, where he still resides. His farming has always been conducted along thoroughly scientific and businesslike methods. His stock is well sheltered and cared for, all sheds, pens and barns being kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition, while the latest models in machinery and most up-to-date processes in drainage and fertilization are employed in the cultivation of the fields. He has given as much study to agriculture and as careful regard in its pursuit as he would have bestowed upon the details of any profession or industry, all of which is indicated by the general air of prosperity which surrounds his homestead.

Mr. Eckels was married to Miss Jennie Wadsworth, a daughter of Benjamin Wadsworth, of Wellington, Ohio, one of the extensive land-owners and prominent farmers of that section of the state. Mrs. Eckels is a well educated and highly cultured woman, an alumna of the Oxford University of Oxford, Ohio, one of the oldest and best educational institutions in the state. She is a descendant of Captain Wadsworth of Massachusetts, who hid the charter of the state in the old Charter Oak, and the poet Longfellow was connected with the same family on his mother's side. Mrs. Eckels also has the distinction of being a descendant of General Putnam of Revolutionary fame. Both she and her husband belong to good old American families who have been connected with the history of the country since colonial days and are eligible to various societies whose membership depends on Revolutionary lineage.

They are the parents of eight children, who are as follows: Elmer Palmer is living in Illinois. Jennie Wadsworth became the wife of George G. Hutchinson, cashier of the First National Bank at Lake City, Iowa. She was a student of Overland College, while Mr. Hutchinson is a graduate of the Iowa State University. Herron Ames married Bertha Chapman, of Wellington, Ohio, who was a teacher in the Cleveland high school. Frank Johnston is a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, that state, and is now practicing law at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He attended the Iowa State College at Ames for two years and the University of Michigan for three. Maria was a student at Ferry Hall and later at Oxford College at Oxford, Ohio. She married Raymond Hutchinson, a graduate of the Iowa State University, who is now the cashier of a bank at Rockwell City, Iowa. James Starr is deceased. Benjamin Wadsworth and Margaret Davidson are attending school in Nevada.

The family always attend the services of the Presbyterian church, of which the parents are members. They are a family of unusual refinement and education and hold a prominent social position in the community where they reside, their home being noted for its hospitality and the gracious cordiality accorded all guests. Mr. Eckels has been a resident of Story county for only nine years, yet that time has sufficed for him to impress his per-



sonality upon those who have formed his acquaintance, and he is generally recognized as a man of unusual attainments. He has a gentleman's sense of honor and this coupled with his high ideals and manly dignity has won him the esteem and respect of the entire community.

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### ROBERT ALEXANDER ROBISON.

During a residence of fifty years in Story county Robert A. Robison left an indelible impress here by reason of the fact that he exemplified in his life the sterling traits of good citizenship and of activity and honor in business. Through careful management and judicious investment he became one of the extensive landowners of the county, owning at the time of his death nearly twelve hundred acres of valuable farm land. He had devoted many years to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising near Iowa Center, **having arrived in this state in the fall of 1856.**

He was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1822. His father, John Robison, was a native of the same locality, was reared to manhood there and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Miss Mary Anderson, also a native of Pennsylvania. They took up their abode upon a farm in Mifflin county and resided there until called to their final rest, the father passing away in 1853 and the mother a number of years later. Their family numbered eight children, seven sons and a daughter.

Robert A. Robison, who was the sixth in order of birth, remained under the parental roof through the period of his boyhood and assisted his father until eighteen years of age, when he began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, eventually becoming a contractor and builder. In 1855 he heard and heeded the call of the west. Bidding adieu to the Keystone state, he removed to Lafayette, Indiana, where he worked at his trade for about eighteen months, and in the fall of 1856 came to Iowa, settling in Story county, at Iowa Center. There he established himself in business as a contractor and builder, but after four years devoted to that pursuit took up his abode upon a farm in 1860 and concentrated his energies upon the work of tilling the soil. He first bought eighty acres of land and added to the farm from time to time as his resources increased, until in his home place he had over four hundred and twenty acres. Elsewhere he bought other property until he became the owner of nearly twelve hundred acres. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and added modern equipments to his different farm properties. Upon the home place he erected a fine residence, together with two large barns and other outbuildings necessary for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery.

His success came to him largely after his removal to Iowa and was the direct result of untiring industry and good management. He worked his



way steadily upward until he was recognized as one of the self-made men of his township. In addition to tilling the soil he raised and fed cattle and hogs and found that a profitable source of income. Year by year his farming and stock-raising interests were carried on carefully, systematically and profitably until 1893, when he left the farm work to others and removed to the city of Nevada, where he resided until his death. During the first seven years of his residence in Nevada his home was upon a farm lying partially within the corporation limits. About 1900 he removed to Linn street, occupying an attractive residence, in which his widow now makes her home.

Mr. Robison was married in Pennsylvania, in February, 1852, to Miss Nancy Greer, a native of that state. She, too, was born in Mifflin county and was a daughter of Adam and Mary Greer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robison were born eight children: George G., who is married and resides in Nevada; Ida, who became the wife of A. G. Moore and died near Nevada, December 28, 1909, leaving three daughters: Emma, the wife of Warren Maxwell, of this county; Roland, who is married and is an extensive cattle feeder living four miles west of the town of Maxwell; Charles, who is married and resides on a farm six miles south of Nevada; Fannie, who is the wife of Ephraim Proctor, living about four miles from Cambridge; Edward, a resident of Maxwell, Iowa; and Bert, who follows farming near Nevada. All of the children are now married and have homes of their own.

When Mr. and Mrs. Robison came to Story county in September, 1856, their cash capital consisted of but ten dollars. The following winter was a most severe one and they suffered much with the cold. They had started from Lafayette with ox teams but one of the oxen became crippled and Mr. Robison traded the other for a horse and bought another horse, driving the rest of the way with the newly acquired team. At that time the county contained a population of little more than two hundred and the town of Nevada was not founded for five years more. There was scarcely any money in circulation and Mr. Robison worked at his trade and in compensation therefore took what he could of the necessities of life. Des Moines, thirty miles away, was the nearest trading point. Food supplies were scarce and prices were very high at first. The family met all of the hardships, privations and trials of pioneer life, but with the passing years all this changed, and as the result of his energy, diligence and wisely directed effort Mr. Robison became one of the wealthiest men of the county.

After his retirement he spent two winters in California in company with his wife. In all matters of citizenship he stood for progress and reform, seeking the adoption of methods and measures for the benefit of the community at large. He instructed his children in habits of industry and economy and reared a family who are a credit to his name. He continued his residence in Nevada until his death, which occurred January 23, 1906. In the meantime he had been an interested witness of the growth and de-

velopment of the county, which had been transformed from a largely uninhabited district into one of the populous and prosperous sections of the state. His labors were an element in its substantial growth, and no man rejoiced more heartily in what was accomplished along the lines of improvement and upbuilding. He possessed a genial nature that attracted warm friendship and, while to him was allotted a long life of about eighty-four years, it was with deep regret that his fellow townsmen learned that he had been called to his final home. Mrs. Robison still resides in Nevada and is one of the oldest among the pioneer women of this part of the state.

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### JESSE BARKER.

The name of Barker is well known in Story county and is recognized as a synonym for integrity of character and also for success in business affairs. Jesse Barker, the founder of the family in this county, is now more than four score years of age and for forty-five years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Iowa. He was born at Windham, Greene county, New York, October 12, 1828, a son of Ezra and Mary (Conley) Barker. The parents were New Englanders, locating in Greene county after their marriage. Subsequently they lived in various places in the Empire state, the father passing away in Steuben county, New York. The mother came to Iowa with her son Azel, who located in Kossuth county, where she continued until her death.

Jesse Barker was reared in New York state and as he grew to manhood was given the advantages of a common-school education. He engaged in farming in Steuben county until May, 1866, when he sold his farm, being attracted westward on account of superior advantages offered in the Mississippi valley. He came to Story county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land in Union township, to which he later added eighty acres. He lived with his family for a time in a rude board house, later erecting a comfortable residence which is now the family home. By close application to a business, for which he was well adapted by natural ability and training, he became one of the prosperous farmers of the township, cultivating his land so as to produce highly gratifying results. He engaged in general farming but during recent years has lived retired, having sold all but one hundred acres of his place.

On the 20th of January, 1850, in Steuben county, New York, Mr. Barker was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mary Brown, a daughter of Abiah and Polly (McClary) Brown, natives of New York, but at an early day the father brought his family to Iowa. Of the nine children born to our subject only three are now living, namely: Charley (or C. D.); Eugene; and Delphine, the wife of W. C. Bennett, of Greene county, Iowa. The son Eugene is a well known farmer of Union township. He married



MRS. AND MR. JESSE BARKER



Miss Jennie Chashe, a daughter of David and Emma (Lampman) Chashe, and they became the parents of five children: Cora, now the wife of W. Huff; Jessie, the wife of Clinton Warfield, by whom she has one child, Selma Louise; Glenn Irvin; David Earl; and Effie Winnefred.

Mr. Barker is a self-made man, whose prosperity has been gained through his own well directed efforts. Possessing at the outset of his career good business talent, he took advantage of opportunities as they were presented and gained a position of respect and responsibility. He has displayed many traits of character which are recognized as belonging to the best citizenship and he assisted to the extent of his ability in the development of Story county. Today he is enjoying the results of many years of labor, in the course of which he assisted many others less fortunate than himself. Politically Mr. Barker gives his adherence to the republican party. He is not connected with any religious denomination but is friendly toward them all.

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#### LOUIS HERMANN PAMMEL.

Louis Hermann Pammel, occupying the chair of botany in the Iowa State College, is numbered among those whose work has been most effective and resultant in giving to the college its high standing among such institutions of learning in the country. He is also widely and favorably known because of his contributions to scientific literature. In Dr. J. McKeen Cattell's American Men of Science Dr. L. H. Pammel's name appears among the American men of science as one who has won distinction as an investigator. It is also a recognition of the work done in Iowa State College as he is the only man so selected from the college whose name is starred.

He was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, April 19, 1862, his birthplace being one of the first brick houses erected in that city. His father, Louis Pammel, was a native of Hoxter, Germany, and in 1853 came to America, settling first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He afterward returned to Germany for his bride, who in her maidenhood was Sophie Freise, a native of Stade, Germany. Following his return to the United States he took up his abode in what was then the small city of La Crosse, where he engaged in the meat business until 1867, when he removed to a farm three miles from the city on the state road between Madison and the Mississippi river. Three sons and three daughters were born unto Louis and Sophie Pammel, namely: Louis; Hermann; Gustaf; Mathilda; Dora; and Emma, who became the wife of Professor N. E. Hansen, but is now deceased.

Louis H. Pammel attended the country schools and afterward pursued a year's course in a La Crosse business college. Private instruction later



prepared him for entrance to the University of Wisconsin, in which he was enrolled as a student in September, 1881. Previous to this time he had worked at ordinary routine farm labor, doing the chores about the home place, plowing and cultivating the ground and caring for the harvests. The summer vacations while in college were also spent in farm work. In the university he pursued the agricultural course and was graduated in 1885, the only agricultural student graduating in that class. Previous to that time the university had graduated but a single student in that course. In addition to the prescribed work he pursued special work in German literature under Professor W. H. Rosenstengel, and also made a study of botany, which he pursued under the efficient and able educator, Dr. William Trelease, who later became director of the Missouri Botanical Garden at St. Louis. Because of his special work he took special honors in botany, preparing a thesis on the Anatomy of the Seeds of Some Leguminosae. This paper was later published in the Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club. This was the first of many of Professor Pammel's papers that have been accorded publication, although his introduction to the scientific world was through a paper by Dr. Trelease on Some Phenological Observations and the List of Parasitic Fungi of Wisconsin.

After leaving the university, Professor Pammel was associated from December, 1885, until the following July with Dr. W. G. Farlow, of Harvard University, as private assistant and later was proffered the position of assistant in the Shaw School of Botany of Washington University, St. Louis, under his old teacher, Dr. Trelease. While there he published two of his papers, one on Mildews, and a second on Root Rot of Cotton, the latter containing the results of his investigations of a serious disease of cotton in Texas, which he investigated for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station during the summer of 1888.

In February, 1889, Professor Pammel received and accepted a call to the chair of botany from the Iowa Agricultural College, as it was then known. He has been in continuous service of the Iowa State College since, except for occasional summer work done for the Bureau of Forestry, Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States department of agriculture. When he was called to the chair of botany in 1889 the department had the upper floor of North Hall, now an annex to Margaret Hall. He had to give all of the instruction in the class room and laboratory. The department was well equipped for the time. He had been preceded by two most efficient and popular instructors,—Dr. C. E. Pessey, who became the professor of botany of the University of Nebraska, and Dr. Byron D. Halsted, professor of botany, Rutgers' College, New Jersey. He carried out the same general policies and has endeavored to see the department well equipped in every way. During this time the department was sent from pillar to post, having had quarters in the Agricultural building, built in the '90s, then in the old Main building, from which the department was driven

by two disastrous fires, then in the dining room of Margaret Hall, and finally in the modern and well equipped Central building, where it occupies splendid quarters on the top floor, in one of the best buildings of its kind in the country. Though much was lost by the two fires, he has started a splendid herbarium, containing the large and extensive herbarium made by Dr. C. C. Parry, formerly a citizen of Davenport. This collection contains many types from the Rockies and the Pacific coast, as Dr. Parry was an early Rocky Mountain explorer.

In 1889 Professor Pammel was honored with the degree of Master of Science from his alma mater and in 1899 Washington University of St. Louis conferred on him the Doctor of Philosophy degree, on which occasion his thesis was *Anatomical Characters of the Seed of Leguminosae Chiefly Genera of Gray's Manual*. His contributions of papers along scientific and economical lines are regarded as of marked value and worth in the scientific world. Among his more important contributions are: *Grasses of Iowa* (two volumes); *Ecology* (one volume); *Pet Bog Flora of Northern Iowa*; *The Anatomy of the Caryopsis of Some Grasses*; *Fungus Diseases of Grasses*; *Manual of Poisonous Plants*, a large volume of over one thousand pages; and *Common Weeds of the Farm and Garden*. These indicate something of the line and scope of his activities and their favorable reception by the scientific world indicates his standing in the profession.

He is a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Iowa Academy of Science. He is a member of the Botanical Society of America and Deutsch. Bot. Gesellsch, St. Louis Academy, Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, Society of American Bacteriologists, American Breeders' Association, American Forestry Association and a corresponding member of the Davenport Academy of Science. He has been president of the Iowa Academy of Science and Iowa Park and Forestry Association. He was formerly a member of the Iowa Geological Board. At the present time he holds membership with the Delta Theta Sigma, an honorary agricultural fraternity, and is a director of the Cosmopolitan Club, in which he takes great interest. Aside from his interest in general college affairs, Professor Pammel has ever manifested a most helpful spirit toward his students. He has the faculty, without which the educator never attains the highest success, of regarding each student from the standpoint of the individual and in his instruction and personal relations of meeting scientific needs. A number of the men of his training now occupy important positions in college and governmental work, including F. C. Stewart, botanist of the Geneva (New York) Agricultural Experimental Station, C. R. Ball, C. W. Warburton, J. I. Schulte, Miss Emma Sirrine, P. H. Rolfs, F. Rolfs, A. J. Norman, F. W. Faurot, R. E. Buchanan, E. R. Hodson, A. L. Bakke, J. R. Campbell, E. Sherman, G. W. Carver and Dr. L. Lewis.

Professor Pammel was married June 29, 1887, to Miss Augusta Emmel, of Chicago, and unto them have been born six children, Edna, Harriet, Doris, Lois, Violet and Harold. They are all faithful communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, in the work of which they take active part. Theirs is an attractive home opposite the campus and is the scene of many delightful social functions.

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### DAVID VANCE THRIFT.

David Vance Thrift, proprietor of a restaurant in Nevada, was born in Urica, Licking county, Ohio, August 18, 1845, and is a son of William and Margaret (Newell) Thrift, whose family numbered five sons and three daughters, of whom David V. is the youngest and the only one now living. He was only three years of age at the time his mother died and but six years of age when his father passed away. His uncle, Joseph Thrift, was a commissioner sent out by the government and located the county seat of Story county, which he named Nevada after the Sierra Nevada Mountains, for he was an old Californian. His residence was at Boonesboro, Iowa. He went to Fort Des Moines with the soldiers as a tailor and engaged in making the clothing worn by the troops. He was the father of the first white child born there, and his eldest son, William Hamilton Thrift, served as adjutant general of Iowa under Governor Cummins. The life of Joseph Thrift was in many respects an eventful and unusual one, owing to the varied experiences that came to him. He was a native of Virginia and spent his last days in California.

Early in life David Vance Thrift started out to earn his own living. He was reared in Bellefontaine, Ohio, to the age of thirteen years and then went to Findlay, Ohio. In that district he worked for farmers for his board and clothing and also was employed as porter in hotels. In fact he scorned no employment that would yield him an honest living, doing whatever he could until sixteen years of age, when on a certain afternoon he walked sixteen miles to Carey and there boarded the train for Bellefontaine, Ohio. This was in the year 1861 and he enlisted, under his nickname, "Leroy" Thrift, as a member of Company E, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which command was organized at Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio. He served for two years with the army as an independent sharpshooter and was then honorably discharged on account of disability.

In 1863 he went to Warsaw, Indiana, where he learned the timer's trade, at which he worked for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, settling in Kellogg, where he established a hardware store which he conducted for a year. He then sold out and went to Monroe, Jasper county, where he again became proprietor of a hardware store but again sold after a year. In 1874 he arrived in Nevada and opened the first

bakery shop and restaurant in the city. He continued the business for two or three years, when he sold out and for five years thereafter he was employed by T. E. Alderman & Sons, working at the bench in their hardware store. He then opened a hardware store of his own, which he sold five years later, going to California, where he spent six months, after which he returned and opened a restaurant, which he has since conducted. He has made this popular with the public and is accorded a good patronage. While there have been no sensational chapters in his business career, he has worked his way steadily upward and is now the owner of two good business blocks in the city in addition to his restaurant.

On the 27th of December, 1865, Mr. Thrift was married to Miss Emily A. King, a native of Ohio, and they have an extensive circle of warm friends in this city. Mr. Thrift belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Knights of Pythias. In matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. He deserves all the praise implied in the term, a self-made man, for he has worked his way steadily upward, depending entirely upon his own resources from the age of thirteen years. Whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his earnest labor and capable management.

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#### WILLIAM N. CANADY.

Within the borders of Story county there still reside many of the veterans of the Civil war who in early manhood, with the vigor and courage of youth, fought for the defense of the Union and have since remained loyal citizens of the country, staunchly supporting measures which they believe to be for the best interests of the state and nation. Among this number is William N. Canaday, who was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, on Saturday, December 31, 1842, in the last hour of the year. His parents, John and Jane (West) Canady, also natives of Kentucky, were residents of that state until 1850, when they came with their family to Iowa, settling in Clinton county near Dewitt. The mother died in Woodbury county, Iowa, but the father spent his last days in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Their family numbered twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, of whom Robert Canady served for three years as a soldier of Company H, Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry, during the struggle to preserve the Union.

William N. Canady was but eight years of age when his parents left Kentucky and went to Clinton county, Iowa, where his youthful days were spent upon a farm. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and when not busy with his text-books he worked in the fields. His time was given to the farm work until his enlistment for service in the Union army on the 12th of August, 1861, as a member of Company A.



**Eighth Iowa Infantry** The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and with his command Mr. Canady participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, the Siege of Vicksburg, Champion Hill, Grand Gulf and Memphis, being in Memphis in 1864 when General Forest made his raid. The Eighth Iowa saved the city on that occasion. Afterward Mr. Canady took part in the battle of Spanish Fort and was in all in sixteen important engagements. He received an honorable discharge on the 20th of April, 1865, and then returned home.

During the period of the war he had attained his majority and on the 6th of February, 1866, Mr. Canady was married to Miss Loretta Tamer, who was born in Dewitt, Clinton county, Iowa, October 14, 1847, and is a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Shinn) Tamer, the father a native of New Brunswick and the mother of Illinois. Her death occurred in her native state while Mr. Tamer passed away at Wall Lake, Iowa. Following his marriage Mr. Canady engaged in farming in Clinton county for a brief period but in December, 1866, came to Story county and located near the present site of the Iowa State College. He aided in building the first central building of that institution. He also went to Zenorsville, Boone county, where he worked in the coal mines for twenty years, and in 1902 he came to Gilbert, where he followed carpentering. The past five years, however, have been spent in the conduct of a wagon shop. He learned the trade of carpentering in 1872 and followed it in Des Moines, Boone and other cities. He possesses natural mechanical ability which training and experience have augmented and he is now numbered among the capable artisans of Gilbert, where he has won a liberal patronage in the conduct of his wagon shop during the past five years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Canady have been born ten children: Carter N., now living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Eddie M., who died in infancy; Etta M., the deceased wife of Clifford Zenor; Murt, living in Greene county, Iowa; Sadie J., the wife of George Black, of Dawson, Iowa; Leonard J., at home; Lilly, the wife of Frank Reynolds, of Boone; Arthur, of Pittsburg; and Thomas E. and Ethel, both at home. Two of the sons, Carter and Arthur, are graduates of the civil engineering department of the Iowa State College, the former having completed his course in 1888 and the latter in 1908. Carter Canady now has charge of the highway department for the American Bridge Company at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Arthur is working there for him. He has also spent eight months at work on the Panama canal.

In his political views Mr. Canady has long been a republican, believing that the principles of that party contain the best elements of good government. While living in Boone county he served as justice of the peace for ten years and his decisions were based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the law as well as of the equity of the case. He has also been justice of the peace of Gilbert for two years and was the second mayor of this city. He takes an active part in the public life of the community and his worth is



recognized by his fellowmen who have honored him with office. He belongs to Frank Bentley Post, No. 89, G. A. R., of Gilbert, also to the Odd Fellows lodge here and is likewise a member of the Congregational church. A review of his life shows that he has closely followed a course which has made of him a valued citizen and an upright man. He has many good qualities, is social and genial by nature and at all times approachable. Good words are spoken of him by his fellow townsmen, and he is justly accounted one of the worthy citizens of Gilbert.

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### ISAAC H. CRAIG.

Isaac H. Craig is regarded as one of the prominent citizens of western Iowa, and, while a resident of Boone county, is widely known in Story county, his home being just across the line. His friends in this part of the state are many, and his life history therefore cannot fail to prove of interest to a large majority of the readers of this volume.

His birth occurred in Harrison county, Indiana, August 25, 1832, and he was reared in Clay county of that state. His parents were Presley R. and Elizabeth (Hiestand) Craig, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Ohio. When their son Isaac was about fourteen years of age they were baptized by the Mormon missionaries and joined that religious sect and when they were driven out of Nauvoo, Illinois, the father decided to go with them across the plains. Isaac H. Craig accompanied his parents as far as Council Bluffs and there the father and children were taken ill. This was his first experience in Iowa. The following spring the family returned to Indiana and remained residents of Clay county until March, 1853, when they came to Story county, the family home being established three miles north of the present site of Ames. The father entered land from the government, began the development of a farm and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits in this county throughout his remaining days. His wife also passed away in Story county. They were the parents of six children: Isaac H.; Elisha B., who enlisted with the first squad from Story county as a member of Company E, Third Iowa Infantry, and died in the service; Benjamin F., who joined Company D, of the Tenth Iowa Infantry, and also died while serving in the Union army; Samuel Clay, who died at the home of his brother Isaac about twenty years ago; Mrs. Nancy E. Horine, also deceased; and Sarah A., who is the wife of Alexander H. Buck, a veteran of the Civil war now living in Ames.

After coming to Iowa Isaac H. Craig remained at home with his parents until after the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south, when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he joined Company A of the Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry in July, 1862. He was on active duty among the bushwhackers in Missouri until honorably discharged on

account of disability in March, 1803. He then returned home and was engaged in farming in Story county until he sold his farm of seventy nine acres and purchased his present farm just across the boundary line in Jackson township, Boone county. Upon this he took up his abode in March, 1900. He has sixty acres of rich and valuable land, a mile and a quarter west of Ontario and a quarter of a mile west of the Story county line. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and in his work his practical methods and unfaltering spirit of industry have constituted the source of a substantial success. What he undertakes he accomplishes. There is about him no hesnancy, and his carefully formulated plans are well executed and have brought him prosperity.

Mr. Craig has been married twice. On the 27th of December, 1850, he wedded Miss Mary Briley, a native of Indiana, who came to Iowa with her mother in 1852 and died here in February, 1890. There were seven children born of that union: Laura E., who is now in Ames; Eldora, who died in childhood; Mary, who died at the age of fourteen years; Arthur Sherman, who passed away at the age of eleven years; Minerva, the wife of Ralph Bell, of Idaho; Charles, living in Ontario, Iowa; and Nanny, the wife of George Cowdrey, of Washington township, Story county. In February, 1898, Mr. Craig was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Rebecca Breezley, the widow of J. D. Breezley.

Mr. Craig has now been a resident of this section of the state for fifty-eight years and has therefore witnessed the greater part of its growth and development as its wild lands have been transformed into attractive farms, as cross-roads villages have grown into cities and as the work of improvement has been carried on along all the lines which indicate an advanced civilization. He has participated in or witnessed many of the events which are now matters of history. He cast his first vote in 1853 at the first election held in Story county at the organization of the county, his ballot supporting candidates who were running for county offices. In 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont, the first presidential nominee of the republican party and has never failed to support its presidential candidates since that time. He has never held any office higher than that of township trustee, for his ambition is not along political lines. He has sought to do his duty quietly as a private citizen but has preferred to leave office-holding to others. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Ellsworth Post, No. 30, G. A. R. of Ames.

He relates many interesting incidents of the early days and of the experiences which constituted features of pioneer life. He was an expert rifle shot when a young man and has killed many deer on the present site of Ames, for they were to be found in plentiful numbers during the first three years of his residence in Iowa. Wild turkeys were also very numerous, as were prairie chickens and other game. In 1854 Mr. Craig wished to go back to Indiana to see some of his old neighbors, for he was homesick and longed for the companionship of old friends. He walked

from Story county to Iowa City and on to Rock Island, Illinois, which was the nearest railroad town, covering the distance of one hundred and ninety miles in four days. At night he would seek shelter in some pioneer cabin, for in those days the homes of the early settlers were always open to the traveler. He did not need money or introduction to secure accommodations. It was a time in which hospitality reigned supreme and a cordial welcome was extended to all. While Mr. Craig misses some of the old-time pleasures and customs, he is yet a believer in the world's progress and knows that substantial advancement has been made over the old methods of living when the farm work was done with crude machinery and when the homes were small, large families being crowded into two or three rooms. Today comforts and conveniences are to be had by all who will labor persistently and earnestly for them, and Mr. Craig is numbered with those to whom prosperity has come as the reward of earnest and persistent toil.

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### LEWIS APPELGATE.

Lewis Appelgate, who was numbered among the early settlers of Story county and who took active and helpful part in developing and improving this section of the state, was born in Indiana on the 25th of February, 1819, a son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Smith) Appelgate, the former a native of Virginia, while the latter was probably born in Indiana. They had seven sons and four daughters, including Lewis Appelgate.

In his childhood days our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to Bureau county, Illinois, the family home being established midway between De Pue and Princeton. There he was reared to manhood amid the pleasant conditions of country life and having arrived at years of maturity he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Tichenor, who was born in Indiana, February 7, 1821. Her father was Moses Tichenor.

Mr. and Mrs. Appelgate began their domestic life in Illinois, and six children were born unto them there before their removal to Iowa in 1855, at which time they took up their abode in Story county, settling on section 18, Nevada township, two miles south of Nevada. There the father spent his remaining days, devoting his time and energies to the development and improvement of a farm of one hundred and forty-two acres of land which was naturally rich and productive and responded to the care and labor which was bestowed upon it. He was ever an upright, honorable man, and held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and he filled some minor offices but never cared for political preferment.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Appelgate were born nine children. Joseph, the eldest, is now deceased. James M. enlisted from Story county for active service at the front during the Civil war and died in the army. Sarah A.

is the wife of E. T. Rainer, who was born in this county in November, 1868, and has always resided within its borders. In May, 1905, he wedded Sarah Appelgate who since 1855 has resided upon a farm where they now made their home on section 18, Nevada township. She came to this county with her parents when ten years of age. Lorenzo D., the next of the family, is a resident of Nevada. Franklin M. wedded Miss Mary Lewis in 1876. She was born in Connecticut in February, 1856, and when four years of age went to Illinois with her parents. Her mother died when she was six years of age and her father afterward married again, coming with his family to this county when Mrs. Appelgate was nine years of age. Unto F. M. Appelgate and his wife have been born three children: Herbert; Bernice, the wife of Lewis Appelgate, of Richmond township; and Verne, the wife of Guy Atkinson, living near McCallsburg. Mary, the sixth member of the family of Lewis Appelgate, Sr., is the wife of John Densmore, of Nevada. Olive is the wife of Albert Hemstead, of Clinton, Iowa. Mrs. Viola Gooden is deceased; McClellan, the youngest of the family is living in Grant township.

The name of Appelgate has been associated with the history of this county for more than fifty-five years, and the members of the family have taken active and helpful part in the work of general improvement and progress, so that they deserve prominent mention upon the pages of this volume.

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### JAY G. DUTTON.

Jay G. Dutton, president of the Farmers Bank of Nevada, throughout the last period of his residence in this city, covering thirteen years, has long been accorded a prominent position in business and financial circles. His record is another proof of the fact that success is not the result of genius as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and close application.

He was born in Benton county, Iowa, August 31, 1866, and in 1870 was brought to Nevada by his parents, O. B. and Elizabeth A. (Beavers) Dutton, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. The father became a resident of Chicago in 1835, before the incorporation of the city, and was closely identified with its early development. The year 1855 witnessed his arrival in Iowa and in Delaware county, this state, he was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Beavers. Subsequently he removed to Norway, Benton county, and in 1870 came to Nevada. In that year Mr. Dutton established the first bank of Story county and conducted business under the firm style of O. B. Dutton & Son, bankers, the junior partner being O. E. Dutton, now living in Los Angeles, California. For eleven years he continued in the banking business but in 1881 sold out and re-



moved to Missouri Valley, where he established the First National Bank of that place. He was connected with financial interests there for about nine years but disposed of his interest in the bank in 1890 and returned to Nevada. In early life before entering banking circles he had engaged in merchandising and from time to time as opportunity offered he made extensive and judicious investment in real estate, becoming the owner of nine hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land adjoining the corporation limits of Nevada on the west. To the development and improvement of the property he gave his personal supervision. He was a very successful man, his business judgment being sound, his sagacity keen and his enterprise unflinching. His labors, too, were of a character that contributed largely to the improvement and progress of the section in which he lived, and his commercial integrity was such as to win for him the unqualified confidence of all. The death of Mr. Dutton occurred in Nevada in 1891, when he was sixty-five years of age. He had for several years survived his wife, who passed away in Missouri Valley, in April, 1888, at the age of fifty-three years. Their children were six in number: Martha, the wife of David Leonard, a resident of Lake City, Iowa; O. E., living in Los Angeles, California; O. J., a banker of Grand Junction, Iowa; Jay G., of this review; Jeannette, the wife of Dr. F. H. Conner, of Nevada; and Omer B., who died at the age of sixteen years.

Jay G. Dutton was only four years of age when his parents came to Nevada and in the public schools of this city he began his education, which was continued after the removal of the family to Missouri Valley. In the latter place he made his initial step in business, becoming the first cashier of the First National Bank of Missouri Valley, which position he occupied for seven years, or until his removal from that place to Perry, Iowa. His attention was then given to the lumber and grain trades and to the banking business for seven years, when he disposed of his interests there. He then returned to Nevada, where since 1897 he has continuously made his home. He came here with the intention of entering the banking business and purchased an interest in the Farmers Bank, of which he has since been the president. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of banking and is conducting a business that safeguards the interests of depositors and also promotes the success of the institution. He is also the owner of extensive landed interests in this county and elsewhere, much of his capital having been placed in the safest of all investments—real estate.

In 1891 Mr. Dutton was united in marriage to Miss Lida Briggs, a native of Nevada and a daughter of Otis and Jennie Briggs. The father is now deceased, and the mother resides in Los Angeles, California. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dutton have been born two children: Dorothy and Orson B.

The family are prominent in Nevada, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them. As a citizen Mr. Dutton advocates and supports all those measures and movements which are of practical value in the upbuilding of the city along material, intellectual, social and moral



lines. His entire life has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise that is manifest in his public relations as well as in his private business affairs. He is resolute and determined, accomplishing what he undertakes and his success is the logical sequence of his industry, close application and business integrity.

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### FRANK E. MORRIS.

Frank E. Morris, who has engaged continuously in the livery business in Ames since 1893 and is also identified with agricultural interests in Story county, was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, about two miles east of Morrison, on the 30th of July, 1868. His parents, Willard and Adaline (Leonard) Morris, were both natives of Schenectady, New York, the former born June 22, 1825, and the latter in 1830. They were married in the Empire state and on coming to the middle west settled in Illinois, where they remained for about eighteen years, after which they arrived in Story county, Iowa. The mother's death occurred in January, 1901, but the father still survives and makes his home upon a farm north of Ames. In their family were seven children: Addie, the wife of Chet F. Davis, living three miles east of Gilbert, Iowa; Ella, the wife of Lester Rosenfeld, whose home is a half mile east of Kelley; Joie, the wife of William Kamman, residing on the home farm with her father; Walter, a resident of Franklin township; Frank E., of this review; Gertie, at home; and Lynn, who is conducting a livery stable in Ames.

Frank E. Morris resided upon the old home farm in Illinois, upon which his birth occurred, until he came to Iowa in October, 1875, in company with his parents, who made their way direct to Ames. The family home was established upon a farm near that city, and there he continued to aid in the cultivation and development of the fields until 1893, when he took up his abode in the city and established a livery barn. In the spring of 1900 he erected his present livery stable, which is the largest building in Ames. It is three stories and basement, with gable roof, is fifty-one by one hundred feet and fifty-one feet in height. It is built of glazed brick and is used exclusively for the livery business. Its location is at the corner of Main and Banquette avenue, and Mr. Morris has about twenty-five head of horses, together with vehicles of all kinds, and three hearses and a number of closed carriages for funeral use. His livery barn is accorded a liberal patronage, and the business has grown along substantial and gratifying lines. In addition to this Mr. Morris owns eighty acres of valuable farm land in Franklin township, three miles north of the city, and one hundred and sixty acres in Milford township.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Mr. Morris and Miss Ella Dodds, who was born in Franklin township, in 1872, and is a daughter of Robert Dodds. They have three children: Glenn, Clair and Ralph.

Mr. Morris votes with the republican party and was a member of the city council for six years, capably discharging the duties of the office in the interest of municipal progress and upbuilding. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has many substantial qualities that make him a valued citizen as well as an enterprising and successful business man.

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### M. O. ANDERSON.

M. O. Anderson, imbued with a progressive spirit, has made steady advancement in his business life, winning substantial success as a farmer, while he is now conducting profitable operations in real estate, making his home in Roland. His birth occurred about three and a half miles southwest of this city in Howard township, on the 3d of November, 1872, his parents being Ove and Aggie (Orton) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. On crossing the Atlantic to the new world in 1870, they made their way direct to Story county where they spent their remaining days, the father devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. As the years passed he prospered and was the owner of a half section of land at the time of his demise, which occurred in 1894 when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife survived him for a decade and died in Roland in 1904. His life history illustrates clearly what may be accomplished by determined purpose and unfaltering industry, and his reliable business methods gained him the confidence and good will of all. Mr. Anderson was the father of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. The first five were natives of Norway and the others were born in Story county. O. B., a resident of Richland township, and A. B., of Fernald, were children of the father's first marriage. The other members of the family are: T. O., living in Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Barbara, the wife of O. M. Ryerson, of Roland; O. O., who is located near Roland; J. O., of Hamilton county, Iowa; M. O.; Martha and J. T., who are residents of Roland; Axel, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Nellie O. and Allen O., twins, who are residents of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The youthful days of M. O. Anderson were spent in the usual manner of farm lads. He worked in the fields during the summer months and attended school during the winter seasons. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until 1897, when at the age of twenty-five years he removed to Roland and for two and a half years thereafter conducted a livery stable. He then worked again for a year upon the home place, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining the corporation limits of Roland on the south. This property he still owns and to its cultivation and development he devoted his energies

with good success until 1900, when he purchased his present home in Roland. He has also engaged in the live stock business and during the last year has operated in the real-estate field. In addition to his farm property in this county he also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Pembina county, North Dakota.

In 1869 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hegland, who was born in Roland in December, 1881, and is a daughter of M. Hegland. This union has been blessed with five children. Orvil, the eldest, died in infancy, and Amos, the second, died at the age of five years. The others are Orphie, Belford and Melvern.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Anderson gives his political allegiance to the republican party which he has supported continuously since attaining his majority. He does not seek recognition along political lines, however, but gives his time and energies to business affairs, and his unfaltering perseverance, his watchfulness of all details and his improvement of opportunities have been the salient features in a desirable and gratifying success.

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#### M. L. TESDALL.

M. L. Tesdall, filling the position of county recorder, is numbered among the native sons of Story county, his birth having occurred in Palestine township, on the 6th of January, 1860. He has always lived in this county and was reared as a farm boy, spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, Ole and Betsy (Sheldahl) Tesdall, both of whom were natives of Norway, the former born on the 3d of September, 1836, and the latter on the 12th of January, 1843. They left the land of the midnight sun in early life, however, and in 1855 became residents of Story county, where they were married. They settled upon a farm in Palestine township, where they still make their home, being well known and worthy representatives of the agricultural interests of this part of the state.

M. L. Tesdall, the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, working in the fields through the summer months and attending the district schools in the winter seasons. He also continued his education in Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines. He became connected with official interests in the court house as deputy county recorder in January, 1903, filling that position until elected county recorder in 1906. He is now serving the third term in that office. On the occasion of each election he received large majorities, which indicate his popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He is prompt, systematic and faithful in the discharge of his official duties, and his record has received the commendation and indorsement of the general public. He was elected on the republican

ticket, having been a lifelong supporter of the party. He has also served in other offices, filling the position of township clerk in Palestine township for four years.

In June, 1907, Mr. Tesdall was married to Miss Mabel R. Sherk, and they are well known in Nevada and throughout this portion of the state. Mrs. Tesdall received a college education in South Dakota and taught school for a number of years. Afterward she became a clerk in a store in Nevada, being thus employed for about ten years.

The Tesdall home is a hospitable one, always open for the reception of their many friends. Mr. Tesdall belongs to the Modern Woodman camp and also to the Lutheran church and is ever loyal to the principles and causes which he espouses.

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### J. W. LANNING.

J. W. Lanning needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has been engaged in the milling business in Ames for thirty years and is one of the best known among the representatives of industrial activity here. In citizenship as well as in business he has made for himself a creditable record and the circle of his friends includes almost all with whom he has been brought in contact.

He was born in Jackson county, Indiana, September 10, 1841, a son of Louis and Laney (Wilson) Lanning, natives of Kentucky and North Carolina, respectively. They were married, however, in Indiana, where they resided until 1843, when they came with their family to Iowa, settling in Iowa county. The father devoted his entire life to farming, following that pursuit until his death, which occurred in 1870, when he was sixty-four years of age. The mother long survived him and spent the last fourteen years of her life in Ames with her son J. W. Lanning, passing away in 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. They were both people of the highest respectability and enjoyed the warm regard and good will of all who knew them. Their family numbered twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom J. W. Lanning was the sixth in order of birth.

He was not quite three years of age at the time of the removal to Iowa, so that within the borders of this state practically his entire life has been passed. He continued a resident of Iowa county until twenty years of age, after which he spent three years in Tama county and then returned to Iowa county, where he made his home until his removal to Ames, his time and energies being devoted to general mercantile pursuits. Thirty years ago, or in 1880, he came to Ames and throughout the ensuing period has been engaged in the milling business, conducting a flour and feed mill for twelve years, since which time he has confined his attention entirely to the conduct of a feed mill. He owns his mill and home property here



and is one of the worthy and substantial citizens of Ames, reliable in business, trustworthy at all times and faithful to the ties, duties and obligations of citizenship.

On the 13th of February, 1862, Mr. Lanning was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Marcellus, who was born in New York, December 21, 1843, and there resided until twelve years of age, when she accompanied her parents, John and Hannah O. (Richardson) Marcellus, to Iowa county, Iowa. Her father was a native of New York, and her mother of Maine. Following their removal to the middle west they continued residents of Iowa county until their life's labors were ended in death, Mrs. Marcellus passing away at the age of thirty-eight years, while the death of Mr. Marcellus occurred in April, 1903, when he was more than eighty-seven years of age. In their family were ten children, of whom six reached years of maturity. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lanning has been blessed with five children: Myrtle, who has been successfully engaged in teaching in the high school of Ames for the past twenty years; Mellie, the wife of William Taylor, of Ames; Julia, the wife of Mont Gossard, of Onawa, Iowa; John, living in Ames; and Sadie, the wife of C. C. Morrison, of Chicago.

In his political views Mr. Lanning has always been a stalwart republican and for sixteen years has served on the city council. He was also a township trustee in Iowa county for a number of years and in the discharge of his official duties has ever been found prompt, reliable and energetic. As a member of the city council he has exercised his official prerogatives in support of many public measures contributing to the general welfare and upbuilding of this part of the state. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in their teachings and principles are found the rules which govern his life, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and respect.

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### JOHN QUINCY MOORE.

The passing years are rapidly thinning the ranks of the brave men who responded to their country's call for aid on the battlefields of the south and the few remaining are always conspicuous figures in the communities where they live. Among those in Story county none are better known than John Quincy Moore, who is a son of Lott and Mary E. (Glenn) Moore and was born in Clermont county, Ohio, on the 7th of April, 1844. His parents were both natives of the Buckeye state, his father being a descendant of an old Virginia family, while his maternal grandparents came from Ireland. About 1852 the parents moved to Hardin county, Ohio, where the mother died in 1860. Three years later the father and family came to Iowa, locating on section 9, Indian Creek township, this county. From that time until his death in 1885 he made this state his home.





JOHN Q. MOORE



John Quincy Moore's life until he had reached manhood was not unlike, save in detail, that of the majority of boys of that period. He attended the sessions of the district school held in the little log schoolhouse, which was in every respect similar to those which served as the educational centers of the various communities of that day. At the usual age he laid aside his text-books, feeling he had acquired sufficient education to enable him to assume the responsibilities of life, and apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade, but at the end of his first year he enlisted in Company B, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteers Infantry. Twelve months' service at the front, together with the long wearisome marches and hardship and privation incident to war undermined his constitution to such an extent that he was discharged on account of disability.

Returning home Mr. Moore found his father preparing to go west and the son joined him, feeling that better opportunities were afforded him for the pursuance of his trade in a younger community. After reaching Story county he worked at blacksmithing, and for some years followed that trade, running a shop in Iowa Center. He homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sioux county, where he lived in 1870 and 1871, but in the latter year they were visited by the grasshopper scourge and Mr. Moore returned to Story county and after a few more years' work at the forge he again engaged in farming. In 1908 he left the farm and again became a resident of Iowa Center, engaging in the mercantile business.

In 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Webb, of Iowa Center, and two sons were born of this union: George M., now a farmer of Indian Creek township; and Ward H., who lives in Iowa Center. Mrs. Moore passed away in 1894.

Mr. Moore keeps in touch with his army comrades through membership in the James Ewing Post, G. A. R. He is one of the well known men of his district, having made this his home the greater part of the time for the past forty-five years. He owns two farms of eighty acres each and is accounted among the well-to-do citizens of the community.

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#### DAVID K. BUNCE.

David K. Bunce, now living retired in Gilbert, was formerly closely identified with agricultural interests in western Iowa. Persistent effort and well directed energy, however, brought him increasing success year by year, and at length with a comfortable competence as the reward of his labors he retired and now has leisure for the enjoyment of those things which are of most interest to him.

He is a native son of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Carroll county, on the 27th of April, 1845. His parents were James A. and Esther (Lewis) Bunce, natives of New York and Michigan.

respectively. They were married in the latter state and their last days were spent in Whiteside county, Illinois, where the father died March 28, 1860, at the age of sixty-four years, while the mother's death occurred October 31, 1876, when she had reached the age of seventy years and five months. James A. Bunce was a blacksmith and followed that trade until sixty years of age but owned a farm at the time of his death. The family numbered thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters, of whom eleven reached years of maturity, while two died in infancy. Only four of the number, however, are now living. One son, L. D. Bunce, served in the Mexican war, while C. D., D. W. and D. K. Bunce were soldiers of the Civil war. Another brother, Dr. D. J. Bunce, was a practitioner of veterinary surgery and a holiness preacher. The eldest brother, Deloss Bunce, was a practicing physician; and a second brother, Delaney Bunce, devoted his life to merchandising and died in Minnesota. C. D. Bunce was a blacksmith by trade and died at Ottumwa, Iowa. While in the Civil war he was captured at Crab Orchard, Tennessee, and taken to Andersonville, where he remained for fourteen months. D. W. Bunce is now a resident of St. Anthony, Idaho.

When a young lad, David K. Bunce accompanied his parents on their removal from Carroll county to Whiteside county, Illinois, and was there living when, at the age of seventeen years, he enlisted on the 18th of September, 1862, as a member of Company H, Seventy-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served until wounded on the 8th of October of that year at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, a bullet piercing his left forearm. He was then discharged and sent home on the 19th of January, 1863. After remaining at home for fourteen months he reenlisted for one hundred days' service with the One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Infantry, remaining with that command until the close of the war. During his second term of enlistment he participated in the engagement with various troops at Memphis, Tennessee. He sustained his wound only eight days after the regiment had been given its arms. When the war was over he returned home and engaged in farming in Illinois until his removal to Boone county, Iowa, on the 17th of November, 1867. He remained a resident of that county for five years and has since lived in Story county, where he continuously followed farming until 1902, when he retired from business life and took up his abode in Gilbert. He sold his property in this county but is still interested in South Dakota lands, on which he has put his four sons, each having charge of a quarter section.

It was on the 15th of November, 1867, in Morrison, Illinois, that Mr. Bunce was married to Miss Elizabeth Linerode, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1848, and with her parents, L. D. and N. J. Linerode, went to Illinois in her girlhood days. The children of this marriage are as follows: W. A., who married Hattie Seamer and is living in South Dakota; Effie, the wife of Peter Marsden, of Boone county; Frank H., who wedded Lydia Jones, of Boone county and resides in South Dakota; Bertha L., the

wife of Oliver Bonneau, of South Dakota; Grace, the wife of Joseph Watts, of Osceola county, Iowa; C. M., who married Sadie Gondy, and is living in South Dakota; and Arthur, who married Gretta Hess and makes his home in South Dakota. All of the children were born in the same house in Lafayette township, Story county, and there has never been a death in the family although the youngest son is twenty-four years of age.

Mr. Bunce has been a lifelong republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has ever been loyal to the best interests of the community and is as faithful to the interests of his country today as when he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. Friends and neighbors have found him a reliable, trustworthy and progressive man and citizen, and all speak of him in terms of high regard and good will.

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### J. D. SIMS.

For almost three decades J. D. Sims has lived in Story county, arriving within its borders in March, 1882. He is today the owner of extensive and valuable landed interests and is numbered among the leading and progressive farmers of Franklin township, his home being on section 36. He was born in McArthur, Vinton county, Ohio, March 11, 1864, a son of Simon and Ann H. (Cramblit) Sims, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was for one hundred days a soldier of the Civil war with Company E, of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Regiment, and died when his son J. D. Sims was but thirteen years of age. The mother long survived him and passed away in Story county in 1902, at the age of seventy-eight years. Their family numbered seven children: A. B., living in Ralph, Iowa; Matilda A., the wife of H. Dunkle, of Franklin township; Sophia L., who became the wife of W. A. Miller and died in June, 1910; M. F., of Washington township; Lavina E., who died in Ohio at the age of eighteen years; J. D.; and Mary E., the wife of Charles Cunningham, of Winterset, Iowa.

J. D. Sims spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native state, working on the farm and attending school. In March, 1882, he left Ohio and came direct to Story county, Iowa, with his mother, brothers and sisters. They took up their abode in Franklin township, where he has since resided with the exception of one year spent in Boone county. He has always followed farming and is now the owner of thirty-eight and a half acres of land on section 36, Franklin township, where he makes his home. He has also purchased two hundred acres in Warren township, a mile east of McCallsburg, and will take possession of this in the spring of 1911, after which he expects to sell the smaller farm. He has been engaged extensively and successfully in stock-raising and is the owner of two Perch-



eron stallions; Gaylord, an imported animal; and Keote, which was raised in Iowa. His live stock interests are an important branch of his business, adding much to his success.

On the 22d of February, 1891, Mr. Sims was married to Miss Ida M. Pohl, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1872, and came to Iowa with her parents when about two years of age. She died September 20, 1900. There were seven children by that marriage: George W.; Elva A.; John H.; Raymond M., who died at the age of nine months; Ethel E.; Willis W.; and Edith M. On the 9th of April, 1907, Mr. Sims was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Lura Donahue, a widow who by her former marriage had one child, Hugh M. Donahue. Mrs. Sims is a native of Minnesota. By her second marriage she had two children, twins, but one died in infancy. The other is Ida M. Sims. Mr. Sims' four oldest children are in school in Ames, and the younger members of the household are attending the district schools.

A member of the Christian church, Mr. Sims endeavors to closely follow its teachings and in all of life's relations to display the characteristics of true and upright manhood and citizenship. He has worked earnestly and persistently in his effort to attain success and as the years have passed by has prospered in his undertakings so that he is now the owner of a good farm property in Story county.

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### ELI B. CRAMBLIT, D. V. S.

Dr. Eli B. Cramblit, who was formerly successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery, and is now breeding fine chickens, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, December 18, 1840, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lukins) Cramblit, natives of Baltimore, Maryland. They were married, however, in Deersville, Ohio, and resided in that state until 1882, when they came to Ames, where their remaining days were passed, the father departing this life at the age of eighty-seven years, and the mother when seventy-four years of age. Throughout the years of his connection with business, Daniel Cramblit followed farming and milling. He served as a captain in the Ohio Militia at an early day and participated in one or two skirmishes with the Indians. Later, at the time of the Civil war, he aided in the capture of General Morgan, being one of the "squirrel hunters" of Ohio. The family numbered five sons and four daughters: Julia Ann, who is the widow of James Allan and is living in Hocking county, Ohio, at the age of eighty years; Thomas, who died in Boone, Iowa; John, who went to California in 1861 and now resides in Oregon; Mary Jane, the wife of Jacob Nicholson, a resident of Hartford, Ohio; Eli B.; Naomi, the wife of W. F. Neggle, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Nancy Ann, the wife of

W. A. Perkins, of Ames; Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Cameron and makes her home in Ames; and W. A., also of this city.

Dr. Cramblit remained on the home farm in Guernsey county, Ohio, with his parents until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, on the 14th of November, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company A, Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Leggett. The regiment was assigned to duty with the Army of the Tennessee, and after serving for three years he enlisted for three years more, or for the remainder of the war. This was at Vicksburg. He took part in all of the engagements of his regiment, including thirty-three battles and many skirmishes and he was engaged in scouting for six months after the guerilla band. He was made captain of twenty select men, who, splendidly mounted, would cross the dead line at dark and hunt our guerillas and desperadoes who were causing such trouble among the northern troops by their disregard of all the rules of war. In this connection Dr. Cramblit served on independent detailed service. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and honorably discharged July 18, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio.

When the war was over, Dr. Cramblit returned to his father's home in Ross county, to which place his parents had removed during the period of the war. There he resided for some time and engaged in buying stock, which he shipped to the east until 1867. He then came to Ames, bringing stock with him, purchasing four horses in Ohio at a cost of eleven hundred and fifty-four dollars. He also had two hundred and forty of as fine blooded sheep as could be found in the United States, these winning first prize at the National Stock Show at Circleville, Ohio. The last work Dr. Cramblit did in Ohio was to drive sheep from Ross county to New Jersey, riding a horse all the way, and later he shipped the horse and saddle to Ames, where he has resided continuously since 1867. Here he began farming and in the spring of 1868 took up the practice of veterinary surgery, which he followed until about four years ago, in the meantime pursuing a three years' course in the veterinary department of the Iowa State College. Prior to that time he had pursued a correspondence course of lectures on veterinary surgery and had traveled with an old doctor for five years, treating chronic diseases of men and animals in various states. His practice covered a radius of fifty miles in early days, and few men are more widely or more favorably known in this part of the state than Dr. Cramblit. Largely retired from the practice of veterinary surgery, he is engaged in the breeding of chickens, making a specialty of fine Rhode Island Reds since 1906. He has also been engaged in the manufacture of medicines for thirty-five years and was the originator of King of Pain, which, together with his other medicinal products, have been sent all over the United States.

In March, 1868, Dr. Cramblit was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Nichols, who was born in New York in 1844, and with two brothers came to Ames, where she was married. Her parents had died during her

early girlhood. Unto this marriage were born two daughters and a son: Rose Elizabeth, now the wife of W. G. Stockwell, of Davenport, Iowa; Florence Belle, the wife of Dr. W. B. Lincoln, of Nashville, Tennessee; and Albert D., who is a musician, giving his whole time to band and orchestra work. The sisters are also possessed of superior musical talent.

Dr. Cramblit has resided at his present home at No. 915 Kellogg avenue for the past twenty-three years. He is a charter member of Ellsworth Post, No. 30, G. A. R., and he relates many interesting incidents of his army experience. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., in 1865, when over broad Pennsylvania avenue there was suspended a banner bearing the words, "The only debt which the country owes that she cannot pay is the debt which she owes to her soldiers." He was among the number who volunteered to run the blockade at Vicksburg and helped fortify the fleet which made the run. The last bullet that was fired at Sherman's army was aimed at Dr. Cramblit, who was on the skirmish line just before darkness set in and after the Confederate troops had surrendered. He was at that time caring for a wounded comrade by an oak stump and the next day twelve bullets were found in that stump that had been fired at him. Dr. Cramblit, however, carried his comrade, Milton M. Turner, to Cambridge, Ohio, a distance of two miles, for the latter had lost much blood from having an arm shot away. In his fighting against the guerillas the Doctor had many narrow escapes, for the service was found a most difficult and dangerous one. He never faltered, however, in the performance of his duty and the same spirit of loyalty in citizenship has characterized his entire life, making him an honored resident of Story county.

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### C. A. BATMAN.

On the roster of county officials in Story county appears the name of C. A. Batman, county auditor of Story county. With the exception of a period of four years spent upon a farm near Nevada, he has been a lifelong resident of this city, his birth having here occurred on the 15th of August, 1875. His parents were J. E. and Avanda (Purkheiser) Batman. The father was born in Kentucky, December 13, 1832, and the mother was a native of Indiana. They came to Iowa following their marriage and both died in Nevada, the mother passing away on the 10th of August, 1897, while the father survived until December 25, 1909. In their family were four children: A. A., of this city; Anna C., who is a school teacher in California; F. A., a farmer of Washington township; and C. A., of this review.

The youthful days of C. A. Batman were devoted to the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were as-

signed to him by parental authority. He passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until graduated from the high school of Nevada in March, 1895. He also pursued a commercial course in Capital City Business College at Des Moines. During his school days he learned the painter's trade, which he followed at intervals until 1903. He also spent four years in farming on his own account near Nevada and then entered the county auditor's office as deputy. In the fall of 1910 he was elected by the republican party for the position of county auditor. He has proven capable and methodical in the discharge of his duties and is ever loyal to the trust reposed in him.

On the 21st of November, 1900, Mr. Batman was united in marriage to Miss Alta Morse, who was born in Wisconsin, August 28, 1877, and came to Story county with her parents, C. M. and Lena Morse, who are now living in Nevada. Mrs. Batman died March 5, 1909, leaving a little daughter, Deborah Mary.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Batman is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Modern Woodmen camp. He has been a lifelong republican, having been reared in the party to which he has given his support since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has a wide acquaintance, and his genial manner, cordial disposition and genuine worth have gained for him an extensive circle of warm friends.

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#### REV. FRANCIS C. RENIER.

Rev. Francis C. Renier, pastor of St. Cecelia's Catholic church of Ames, was born in Dubuque, Iowa, December 9, 1877, a son of Philip J. and Mary E. (Strueber) Renier. The father was born in Belgium in 1858 and the mother in Dubuque in 1854. When a lad of five years Philip Renier accompanied his parents to the new world, and one year later the family home was established in Dubuque where he has resided continuously since, being now superintendent of the Milwaukee shops of that place. He has devoted his entire life to car-building, in which line of work he has made steady advancement through his ability and close application. His wife was a daughter of Christ and Pauline (Yunge) Strueber, both of whom were natives of Germany and on coming to America settled in Dubuque where Mr. Strueber passed away but his widow still makes her home there.

The Rev. Francis C. Renier is the eldest of seven children. He attended the parochial schools of Dubuque and later entered St. Joseph's College of that city, completing a six years' course in 1895. He devoted three years to the study of theology in Grand Seminary in Montreal, after which he was ordained to the priesthood. Later he spent two years in study in the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., and received his



present appointment in 1902. In addition to the regular work of the church he has organized the Newman Club for young men, mostly college boys, and in this connection an excellent work is being done. He also has charge of Sts. Peter and Paul's church five and a half miles northwest of Gilbert in this county, doing mission work there throughout the eight years of his pastorate at St. Cecilia's church in Ames. Under his guidance the present church was erected as was also the parish house, and the work of the church has been fully organized in all of its departments, proving a strong force for Catholic conversion and church work in this locality.

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### ALFRED P. EDDY.

Alfred P. Eddy, a prosperous and well known agriculturist of Story county, has lived on his present farm in Sherman township for the past thirty-six years but for forty-six years he has been a resident of this county. His birth occurred in Ohio in August, 1830, his parents being Allen and Sophia (Beardsley) Eddy, who were natives of New York and New Hampshire respectively. The maternal grandfather of our subject participated in the Revolutionary war, serving throughout the entire conflict. Allen Eddy, the father of Alfred P. Eddy, removed to Illinois in 1855, settling on a farm in Kane county, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1875. **The demise of his wife occurred in Ohio.**

Alfred P. Eddy accompanied his father to Illinois, where he obtained his education in the district schools. He remained a resident of the Prairie state until 1865, which year witnessed his arrival in Story county, Iowa. He spent ten years in Richland township but for thirty-six years has resided in Sherman township, his farm being located on section 6. For his first tract of land, comprising eighty acres, he paid but twelve dollars an acre. Later he extended the boundaries of the place by an additional purchase of eighty acres, so that his farm now embraces a quarter section of rich and productive land. In connection with the tilling of the soil he has also devoted considerable attention to the raising of cattle and hogs for the market, meeting with success in both branches of his business. He has long been numbered among the representative and leading citizens of the community and acts as president of the Zearing & Johnson Grove Telephone Company. He can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer days when the district was but sparsely settled and largely undeveloped. During the period of his early residence here the railroad went only as far as Nevada and between his abode and State Center, a distance of fourteen miles, there was but one house. On the road to Zearing there was also only one house—that belonging to Thomas Thatcher. Mr. Eddy recalls the fact that on the 5th of July, 1872, he washed with snow and can remember the time when the snow was six feet deep. He herded cattle throughout Iowa for a





MR. AND MRS. A. P. EDDY



great many years and at one time drove twenty-three hundred head through the northern part of the state.

In 1863, in Kane county, Illinois, Mr. Eddy was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Mark, her parents being Aaron and Eliza Mark, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. Mrs. Mark, whose birth occurred in January, 1828, came to this county with her daughter and son-in-law in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are the parents of four children, the record of whom is as follows. Frank Sherman, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, on the 27th of April, 1864, wedded Miss Susan Hicks, of Sherman township, and is cultivating a tract of land just east of his father's farm. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge at Zearing. Orlando M., whose birth occurred on the 4th of March, 1869, married Miss Belle Fisher and lives on a farm northwest of the old homestead. He intends to take up his abode in Howard county, Iowa, in the near future. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Dwight Wilson, whose natal day was September 26, 1879, wedded Miss Viola Thomas and is now successfully engaged in farming. William Cooper, who was born on the 19th of September, 1881, resides on his father's farm and also has land of his own in Sherman township.

Mr. Eddy gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is now serving as chairman of the township board. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend and as a school director he has done much to further its interests. He is a valued member of Pacific Lodge, No. 469, A. F. & A. M., of Zearing, and attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has lived his life to good purpose, recognizing and utilizing each opportunity as it has come to him, while the methods which he has ever pursued have been such as inspired the trust, confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

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### CHARLES F. RUTH.

An excellent farm of one hundred and ninety acres on sections 11 and 14, Franklin township, is the property of Charles F. Ruth, and indicates in its well kept appearance the careful supervision which he gives to the place and the modern methods which he follows in its cultivation. He was born in Lake county, Illinois, October 7, 1856, and is a son of Irwin and Leah (Brown) Ruth, both of whom were natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania. When eighteen years of age the father made his way to Freeport, Illinois, and thence walked to Lake county, that state, a distance of one hundred miles. He secured sixty acres of land which is now included within the corporation limits of Chicago, after which he walked back to Freeport,

completing the journey in two days. He was then married and took his bride to his sixty-acre farm, to which he afterward added by additional purchase. He became the owner of two farms, aggregating one hundred and ninety acres of land, and in the summer of 1870 he sold this property at sixty dollars per acre. In the spring of 1871 he arrived in Ames, accompanied by his family, and soon after settled on a farm about a mile from the place, upon which Charles F. Ruth now resides. The father, however, was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for he passed away in 1875 at the age of fifty-five years. The mother died in 1881 at the age of sixty-one years. Their family numbered seven children: Hannah, who is the widow of Michael Gretten and resides in Gilbert; Lavina, the wife of L. Oliver, also of Gilbert; Carrie, the wife of Floyd Sibley, of Los Angeles, California; William, who married Rachel Bingham and lives in Salem, Oregon; Linus, who was a judge in one of the Chicago courts and died in 1908; Charles F., of this review; and Alma, the wife of Frank Palmer, of Arapahoe, Nebraska.

Charles F. Ruth spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native county and during that period became familiar with the duties and labors of the home farm. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Story county in 1871 and has since resided in Franklin township. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work and in 1880 he located upon his present farm which was then a tract of raw prairie land. The fact that it is today a well improved property is due to his energy, determination and unfaltering industry. The place comprises one hundred and ninety acres of rich and arable soil on sections 11 and 14, Franklin township, and in addition to the cultivation of the fields he is engaged extensively and successfully in the breeding of Chester White hogs and Jersey cattle. Besides his farming interests Mr. Ruth has other business connections. He had the management and was secretary of the Gilbert Creamery Company for five years and he was one of the organizers and the first secretary of the West Milford Telephone Company. He has been a hunter from the age of eight years and finds his chief recreation as a follower of Nimrod. He killed eight wild carrier pigeons in Plymouth county in 1878, these being the last seen in Iowa. He has killed all the game native to this state and in New Brunswick, in September, 1908, he killed a moose weighing eleven hundred pounds, the head of which he had mounted, and it now adorns his home. On the same hunt he succeeded in getting two black bears, the hides of which he has in his home. He spent **three weeks on that hunting trip and felt well repaid.**

On the 2d of November, 1880, Mr. Ruth was united in marriage to Miss Minerva B. Kooser, who was born in Milford township, Story county, September 19, 1861, and is a daughter of George B. and Margaret (Boucher) Kooser, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and were there married. On coming to Iowa in 1856, the father entered land from the government. He devoted many years to farming and passed away on

the 26th of November, 1896. His widow still survives and is now a resident of Ames. They were the parents of seven sons and four daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ruth have been born two sons: Chelsea L., who manages the farm; and Clifton L., at home. The elder son is married and has one child, Constance Alene, who was born March 7, 1910.

Mr. Ruth is entitled to membership with the Sons of the American Revolution, for one of his great-grandfathers in the maternal line was John Clontz, a native of Germany, who was with Washington's army at Valley Forge. In his political views Mr. Ruth was formerly a republican but in later years has supported the prohibition party. He has served as township clerk and for sixteen years has been secretary of the school board of Franklin township. He holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Gilbert and also belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge there. In these associations are found the principles and rules which govern his conduct and which have made him an upright, honorable man, respected by all who know him. In business, too, he has displayed such sterling qualities as have gained for him warm regard and the confidence of all with whom he has had dealings.

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#### EDWARD M. McCALL.

With the exception of six years spent away at school, Edward M. McCall has resided continuously in Story county from the time of his birth, which occurred in Nevada, on the 30th of August, 1873, and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon broad learning and merit he has worked his way steadily upward, being recognized as one of the strong members of the Story county bar. His parents were the Hon. T. C. and Mary A. (Boynton) McCall, who to prepare their son for the practical and responsible duties of life gave him excellent educational advantages.

He pursued his studies through consecutive grades in the public schools of Nevada but left the high school before his graduation and went to Cornell College at Mount Vernon, where he spent a year in special work in the preparatory department. He afterward entered the Ames Agricultural College in the fall of 1891 and for three years was a student there, completing one-half of the work of the junior year. He next took up the study of law, entering the law school at Iowa City, from which he was graduated in 1896. He at once located for practice in Nevada, where he has since followed his profession, and in 1900 he formed a partnership with J. A. Fitchpatrick under the firm style of Fitchpatrick & McCall. He has never specialized in any particular branch of the profession but has continued in the general practice of law and a large and distinctively representative clientage has been accorded him. For two years, from 1900 until 1902, he was city attorney and for four years, from 1905 until 1909, he was county attorney. His ability is manifest in his strong and logical argu-



ments which follow the careful preparation of his cases and in the many verdicts which he has won favorable to his clients' interests.

In 1896 Mr. McCall was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve Louise Fitchpatrick, a native of Nevada and a daughter of the Hon. J. A. Fitchpatrick, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. This marriage has been blessed with two interesting little daughters: Mary, five years of age; and Harriet Louise, three years of age.

The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and are prominent in the social circles of the city. Mr. McCall also belongs to the Twentieth Century Club of Nevada. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has staunchly advocated since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is interested in everything that pertains to the general welfare, and his cooperation can be counted upon to further every movement for the public good. For the past six years he has served as a member of the board of trustees of the public library. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Nevada Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M.; Nevada Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; and Excalibur Commandery, No. 13, K. T., of Boone, Iowa. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In strictly professional lines he is connected with the Story County Bar Association and he believes in upholding the highest standards of the profession. It is the theory of the law that the counsel is to aid the court in securing justice, and no member of the profession in Nevada is more careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics than Mr. McCall. He gives to the client the service of his legal talent and of unwearied industry and broad learning, yet he never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and, above all, to justice and a righteous administration of the law, which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard.

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#### FRANK RAY.

The Ray family needs no introduction to the citizens of Story county, as for three generations it has been represented by men who have proven most worthy of the esteem in which they have at all times been held. Frank Ray, a son of Samuel and Martha (Kurtz) Ray, was born in Indian Creek township on the 27th of March, 1881. Both of his parents are also natives of this county, being the children of early pioneers, and were reared and married in the county, where they have spent their lives.

Frank Ray's early years were spent as are those of the average boy in the rural districts. He attended the common schools, performed such duties about the farm as were assigned him by parental authority and spent his leisure hours in the manner of the majority of young people. At the usual age he laid aside his text-books, feeling he had acquired sufficient

education to enable him to assume the responsibilities of manhood, and began his career. He decided to follow the vocation of his father and grandfather, which was that of farming, and at the age of eighteen years left the parental roof to work as a farm hand in the vicinity of his home.

He had not yet cast his first vote when he established a home for himself by his marriage on the 25th of December, 1901, to Miss Ada May Barker, a daughter of Charles D. and Emma (Eastman) Barker, also pioneers of Story county. After marriage the young people began life on the farm of Mrs. Ray's father, located in Union township. They remained there for five years and then removed to the Monahan farm in Indian Creek township and after residing on the latter place for two years they located upon the farm of Mr. Ray's father, which is situated on section 16, Indian Creek township, where they have since continued to live. This farm contains one hundred and thirty-two and one-half acres of well improved land. Here Mr. Ray is engaged in the raising of shorthorn cattle and Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. He has been most successful in his specialty and is one of the best known young cattlemen in this section of the country.

Two children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray: Hazel Pearl and Ethel Levon. Ever since he has acquired the right of suffrage Mr. Ray has cast his vote for the candidates of the republican party. He has never taken an active part in politics to the extent of aspiring to public office or seeking political honors, preferring to give his entire time and attention to the demands of his private interests. He has just reached the age when most men are acquiring a foothold in the business world but he is quite firmly established. While attaining this position he has ever won and retained the good-will and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. He is regarded as one of the promising young citizens of the community where he lives, and both he and Mrs. Ray are highly esteemed.

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#### OLE L. FROWICK.

It is doubtful whether any element of American citizenship has contributed in proportion to its numbers more valuable service to the up-building of the country than the Norwegian. Possessing the characteristics of energy, perseverance and thrift, the Norwegian-Americans have acquitted themselves with the highest credit and through their indomitable industry have established comfortable homes wherever they have settled. Ole L. Frowick, of Palestine township, comes of stanch Norwegian parentage on both sides of the house and, judging by what he has accomplished, is a worthy representative of conscientious and hard-working ancestry.

He was born in Palestine township, Story county, December 11, 1869, a son of Lars E. and Sarah (Cleveland) Frowick, both natives of Norway. The parents were reared in the mother country and then came to America.

Mr. Frowick purchasing a farm south of Huxley, in Palestine township, Story county, Iowa, upon which he resided until 1872. He then sold his place and bought land in another locality in the same township, which became the family homestead. Here he continued until his death, which occurred in 1901. The mother was called away in 1907. They were both faithful members of the Lutheran church and had many friends in Palestine township.

Ole L. Frowick was the only son of his parents and was reared under highly favorable conditions for a useful life. He attended the public schools and when not occupied with his books assisted in the work of the fields. After reaching manhood he still continued upon the home farm, which he purchased in 1898. It is situated on sections 21, 28 and 29, Palestine township, comprising originally two hundred and eighty acres, to which he has added by purchase, so that the farm now includes three hundred and fourteen acres and is a highly pleasing feature of the landscape. It is under thorough cultivation and yields excellent harvests each year.

Mr. Frowick gives his support to the republican party but official honors have never had any attraction for him as his interest is centered in his business, to which he devotes his best energies. His religious faith is expressed by membership in the Lutheran church, to which he is a liberal contributor. A representative farmer of the county, he has attained a goodly measure of prosperity, and it requires no prophet to foretell for him a successful future.

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### FRANK NICKERSON FOWLER.

Frank Nickerson Fowler, county treasurer of Story county, is one of the best known men of central Iowa. He has been for twenty five years a resident of the state and in business, political and social affairs has achieved a distinct success. He was born at Searsport, Maine, June 11, 1858, a son of Major James N. and Mary Ellen (Wentworth) Fowler. He comes of good Scotch and English ancestry, members of the family on both sides of the house having served most creditably in the patriot army during the Revolutionary war. The founders of the Fowler family in America crossed the ocean with the Pilgrim Fathers and the mother of our subject claimed the Carvers among her ancestors and was also a descendant of the Curial family of Scotland.

James N. Fowler was educated in the common schools of the Pine Tree state and began his business career as an apprentice to a merchant tailor, also learning the haberdashery business. The male members of the family were largely sea captains and John Fowler, the father of James N., after retiring from the sea, opened a haberdashery store at Searsport, with

which his son became connected, the latter succeeding the father in business. About fourteen years ago he retired and although now quite advanced in age is strong and hearty physically and mentally his powers are unimpaired, although he has now reached the age of seventy-six years. He was successful in his business and acquired a competence which he now enjoys. He attends the Congregational church, of which his father was a deacon. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and is a Knight Templar in that organization. He has been allied with the democratic party ever since casting his first vote and has been an active worker in its support, although never an aspirant for political honors. In response to the first call of President Lincoln for troops he offered his services to the Union, enlisting for three months in a Maine regiment. Later he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company K, Twenty-sixth Maine Volunteer Infantry, and rose to the rank of major.

The mother of our subject was born in September, 1834, and passed away June 20, 1883. She was a daughter of James Wentworth, who was a ship carpenter and married Eliza Curial, whose family settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. Three children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler: Frank N., the subject of this review; James N., Jr., who became a merchant tailor and died at Ames, Iowa, in 1907; and Ellen M., of Dorchester, Massachusetts, the wife of Albert Cleveland, a traveling salesman for a Boston house.

Frank N. Fowler received his preliminary education in the public schools of Camden, Maine, and worked his way through the academic course, being ambitious to take up the profession of law. After graduating from the academy, however, he and his companions were seized with the sea fever and shipped on board a merchantman, leaving friends and country far behind in a long voyage to foreign ports. The young seaman spent about ten years on the ocean, visiting the principal ports of the world and gaining a knowledge of human nature that has since proved of great value. In November, 1886, Mr. Fowler came west and after stopping for a few months in Des Moines, Iowa, settled at Ames, where he continued for twenty-two years as manager of the B. A. Lockwood Grain Company of Des Moines. In 1908 he was elected treasurer of Story county and removed to Nevada, being reelected to the same office in 1910. He has discharged his duties with rare fidelity and with special regard for the interests of the people, hence his administration has met the hearty approval of the citizens of the county irrespective of their party affiliation.

In 1883 Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Lottie L. Treat, who was born at Searsport, Maine, September 3, 1861. She was the daughter of James B. and Mary Ann (Pendleton) Treat and came of Revolutionary stock. Three children were born of this union: Albert, who is now chief of the final result division of the census department at Washington, D. C.; Mona L., now a student in the Nevada high school; and Donald Wentworth, also attending school. The mother of these chil-



dren having passed away in 1903, Mr. Fowler was married in 1906 to Miss Hattie D. Brouhard, who was born at Colo, Iowa, March 5, 1877, and is a daughter of Bainie and Mary Brouhard. The father, who was a well known farmer of New Albany township, passed away in 1908. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler has been brightened by the birth of one child, Dorothy Lucile, who was born May 30, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are both members of the Universalist church. He gives his adherence to the republican party, of which he has been a staunch supporter for many years. He served for nine years as a member of the Ames school board and was also one of the organizers of the Ames Commercial Club, filling the position of secretary-treasurer for eleven years. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and has passed through all of the chairs in the latter organization. As a Mason he has become well known in Iowa, filling nearly all of the subordinate offices in the several bodies, and also presiding over the lodge, chapter and council. He became a member of Arcadia Lodge, No. 249, of Ames, in 1894, and of Three-Times-Three Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M., of Nevada, in 1896, receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Joshua Chapter, No. 127, in 1898. He was a charter member of Gebal Council, No. 5, R. & S. M., of Ames, in 1900, being given the commandery degrees in Excalibur Commandery, No. 13, of Boone, in 1898. He received the distinguished honor of the Order of High Priesthood September 4, 1901. He has been a regular attendant upon the assemblies of the Grand Council almost since its inception and was given merited recognition in 1906 by being elected illustrious grand principal conductor of the work. In the following year he was elected right illustrious deputy grand master and at the annual assembly held in Waterloo in October, 1908, was made most illustrious grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the state of Iowa. Genial, courteous and agreeable in manner, he has made a host of friends and is undoubtedly one of the most popular citizens in Story county. Happy in his family relations and successful in business and public life, he has just reason to congratulate himself upon the selection of Iowa as his home.

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#### CHARLES E. TAYLOR.

Charles E. Taylor, who for twenty years has been identified with building operations in Ames, where a liberal patronage is accorded him, was born in Le Raysville, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1844, and is a son of Nelson and Martha (Fletcher) Taylor, who were also natives of Le Raysville. The ancestry of the family is traced back to John Taylor, who came from Sussex county, England, in 1630, and settled at Lynn, Massachusetts. He had two sons, John and Thomas. The former's wife,





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Mrs. Rhoda Taylor, was a widow when she married John Taylor. They settled at Windsor, Connecticut, in 1639, and had five children but three died, leaving John and Thomas as the surviving members of the family. In 1646 their father sailed for England, leaving the family at Windsor, but the vessel was lost at sea. The legend concerning this lost ship was afterward put in poetic form by Henry W. Longfellow under the title *The Phantom Ship*. The widow and her two sons, John and Thomas, aged six and four years at the time of the father's death, continued in Windsor for some time, but in 1655 Mrs. Taylor became the wife of Mr. Hoyt and removed to Norwalk, Connecticut. When Thomas Taylor was fourteen years of age the town of Norwalk granted him land as "one of the children of the town." He was married February 14, 1668, to Rebecca, a daughter of Edward Ketchum, of Stratford, and on the 14th of October, 1669, his name was presented as one who desired to be made a "freeman." In the same year he was made a member of the general court from Norwalk. In 1685 he became one of the first eight settlers of Danbury, Connecticut, and was chosen ensign of the military company. He was also the first representative to the general court from Danbury, serving in 1697, 1701 and 1706. He died January 17, 1735, aged ninety-two years.

His fifth son, Nathan Taylor, was born at Norwalk, February 7, 1682, and in 1706 married Hannah, a daughter of Lieutenant Daniel and Mary Benedict. He enlisted in Colonel Waterbury's regiment and served in the Revolutionary war as sergeant from May until October, 1775. He died in 1781, at the age of ninety-nine years, leaving four sons. He had acted as color bearer in the Revolutionary war at the remarkable age of eighty-nine years and nine months, while his grandson John Taylor, who was born at Danbury, Connecticut, June 12, 1754, marched by his side carrying a musket. Nathan Taylor received an honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment. He preached his farewell sermon as a minister of the Congregational church when ninety-six years of age and died in Connecticut at the notable old age of ninety-nine years. The family is noted for longevity. In 1755 Thomas Taylor, the great-great-grandfather of Charles Taylor of this review, was killed at Lake George, New York, while fighting for the British in the French and Indian war. Various ancestors of Charles E. Taylor bore arms in the different wars in which the country has been engaged. His grandfather, Abraham Taylor, served in the Revolution under command of Captain Camp and Colonel Canfield. The great-grandfather, Lieutenant Perrin Ross, was one of the heroes in the war for independence and was killed in the Wyoming massacre. Another great-grandfather, Brigadier General Samuel Fletcher, of Vermont, was in the Revolution and still another, Elinas Brister, who served as a private. In another ancestral line is found the record of Ethel Stone, of Hartford, Connecticut, who was a great-great-grandfather of Charles E. Taylor and served as a colonel in the Revolutionary war.

Nelson Taylor, the father, born in Le Raysville, Pennsylvania, in 1810, died at Ames, Story county, Iowa, at the venerable age of ninety-two, after residing here for twenty-five years. He had been a pioneer of the middle west of 1855, at which time he settled in Illinois. He had followed the tanner's trade in early life but after his removal to the west carried on agricultural pursuits and was actively connected with farming up to the time of his death, being ill only four days. His wife, who was born in Le Raysville, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1820, died in Illinois, in 1868. In their family were six sons and two daughters, of whom four sons and a daughter are yet living. The oldest brother, Byron F. Taylor, served for three years as a soldier in the Civil war. After losing his first wife his father married again.

Charles E. Taylor was a youth of eleven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Pennsylvania to Illinois. He remained with them upon the farm in the latter state until twenty years of age and then started west. He traveled over the Union Pacific Railroad when its terminal was at Cheyenne. He then returned to Nebraska and from there retraced his steps into Iowa. Between the ages of twenty and thirty-one years he largely devoted his time to teaching in the common schools through the winter months and a portion of the summer seasons were spent in Illinois. In 1868 he came to Ames but the following year his mother's death recalled him to Illinois, where he again taught school for one term. In March, 1870, he made his way to the Pacific coast and conducted a meat market in Amador county, California, but in August, 1871, returned to Illinois, where he again followed the profession of teaching for two terms. After that period he came again to Iowa and has since been a resident of Ames with the exception of three years, which were spent in Del Rio, Texas. He was engaged in clerking in Ames for fourteen years and for the past twenty years has been engaged in carpenter work. As time has passed on he has met with success in this undertaking and is now in comfortable circumstances.

On the 1st of December, 1874, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Nancy M. Wilder, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and unto them have been born four children: Edna M., the wife of Silas Kalsen, of Woodbine, Iowa; Phila Etta, at home; Harry N., who is employed by the Northwestern Railroad Company and resides at Boone, Iowa; and Charles E., who is a conductor with the Chicago & Northwestern at Des Moines. There are also two grandsons and three granddaughters and Mr. Taylor also has two half-brothers and a half-sister living in Story county.

Mr. Taylor is a well informed man, keeping in touch with the general interests of the day. He is also greatly interested in the geological formation of the county and has written some articles upon that subject. He belongs to Iowa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and since twenty-one years of age has been a member of the Masonic frater-

nity. He was initiated into the order in Illinois and is now secretary of Ames Lodge. His many sterling traits of character have gained him warm regard. His periods of residence in different parts of the country have given him intimate knowledge of America and her opportunities and conditions and he is thoroughly content to make his home in Iowa, for he believes that no state has been more richly endowed by nature.

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### JOHN B. ANGELO.

John B. Angelo, one of the well known retired farmers of Story county, who is now serving as mayor in the town of Maxwell, was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 26th of June, 1846, a son of Samuel W. and Rhoda (Burwell) Angelo. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, his father removing to Illinois when a child with his parents, but the mother remained in the Keystone state until she had reached womanhood when she, too, came west and settled in Illinois. Some years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Angelo decided to remove to Iowa and in 1853 they located in Polk county near Rising Sun, where, two years later the father died. In 1857 Mrs. Angelo with her family of six children went to Jasper county to reside upon a farm which the father had entered prior to his death and there she continued to live up to the time of her death in 1894.

The childhood and youth of Mr. Angelo was somewhat harder than that of many boys. Being the son of a widow and one of the older children in the family he was required to perform a large portion of the work about the farm. His education was acquired in the district schools, the sessions of which were brief and the standard of scholarship at that period not of the best. When yet not much more than a lad his oldest brother left home and located in Nebraska and the next older entered the army, going to the front for the Union as a volunteer during that momentous period in the early '60s, thus leaving our subject the entire responsibility and care of the home farm. He managed the old homestead first for his mother and later as a renter until 1902, when he retired from active work and removed to Maxwell, where he has since continued to reside.

Ever since attaining the age which conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Angelo has been a strong partisan of republicanism, feeling that party's policy of the centralization of power and protection best subserved the interests of the majority. He has always taken a more or less active interest in politics, having served for several years as township trustee when a resident of Jasper county, and twice being the choice of his fellow citizens for the office of justice of the peace, and in both capacities he proved himself well worthy of their confidence. His excellent guardianship of the public interests and his strong advocacy of every movement which promised the betterment of conditions essential to the



community proved him to be a man of progressive ideas and one well able to direct and fill any local office. As justice of the peace he proved himself fully as competent, his decisions in all cases meeting with the approval of the general public. Since his retirement and residence in Maxwell he has served six years in the town council, and in the spring of 1909 he was elected mayor and is still the incumbent of that office.

Mr. Angelo was united in marriage on the 9th of January, 1870, to Miss Ada R. Kimberly, a daughter of Isaiah and Mary Ann (Cleverly) Kimberly, of Jasper county, where they continue to reside, he at the venerable age of eighty-five years and she having passed her seventy-ninth anniversary. One child was born to this couple, Wyatt B., who is practicing law in Plainfield, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo are both members of the Christian church, of which he has been a trustee for years. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the progressive men of his community, who has always been held in high regard, both he and Mrs. Angelo being popular in both church and social circles of Maxwell.

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### HORACE GREELEY HANDSAKER.

Among the native sons of this county whose close application and industry have been rewarded by a comfortable competence is Horace Greeley Handsaker. He is the son of William and Emily Handsaker and was born on section 22, Richland township, on the 3d of January, 1870. The mother was born in Indiana and was reared in Illinois but the father was an Englishman by birth and came to the United States when he was a young man, settling in Richland township, this county, where he met and married Emily Wyatt. Of the eight children born of this union six are living.

The boyhood and youth of H. G. Handsaker differed but in detail from that of the majority of boys who are reared in the rural districts. It was the usual routine of school, work about the farm and such sports as are usually enjoyed by strong and energetic lads. His education was acquired in the district schools of the township in which he was born and reared. On laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he had reached the age of twenty years, when he began life for himself. For two years he served in the capacity of a farm hand, but at the end of that period he was able to become somewhat more independent and rented a farm from his father, which he continued to cultivate for five years. His thrift, good management and hard work were rewarded during that period to the extent that he was able to become a property owner and he bought two hundred and forty acres on section 22, Richland township, where he still resides. Later he invested in one hun-

dred and sixty acres of land in Worth county and he has more recently acquired three hundred and twenty acres in the Panhandle of Texas. Thus the aggregate of his realty holdings is seven hundred and ninety acres, all of which is valuable land. His home farm is well stocked, its fertile fields yield abundant harvests and it contains a comfortable residence and commodious barns.

Mr. Handsaker was united in marriage to Miss Emma Cook, a daughter of the late Michael Cook and Rose Cook. To this couple have been born four children, three daughters and one son, as follows: Eva, who died in infancy; Lulu, who is attending school; Bertha and Harold.

Ever since he attained his majority Mr. Handsaker has given his political allegiance to the republican party. He has never been particularly active in politics, not aspiring to public office, but always discharges his duties as a citizen by casting a vote at each election for the candidates of the party of his choice. He has always been an active, progressive, energetic man, who has met with more than average success in his life work and at the same time has won and held the esteem and good-will of those who have known him from childhood.

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#### W. S. HEMPING.

W. S. Hemping, a general farmer and stock-raiser of New Albany township, Story county, is winning success in his chosen life work owing to the fact that his efforts in that direction have ever been characterized by unfaltering industry and intelligently applied labor. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, on the 3d of June, 1861, and represents a family which was founded in the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century. In the year 1803 his paternal grandfather came from Germany to the new world, locating at Halifax, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, where the remainder of his life was spent. He was a minister of the Lutheran church and his entire time was devoted to preaching the doctrines of that faith.

His son, J. N. Hemping, the father of our subject, was born on the 17th of October, 1818, in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. He was afforded the advantage of a college education, and it was his father's wish that he devote himself to the ministry. This occupation, however, did not appeal to J. N. Hemping who, taking up farming as a life work, was identified with that enterprise throughout his active life. In 1856 he came west, taking up his abode in Ogle county, Illinois, and in May, 1866, arrived in Story county, where he resided until his demise. In April, 1846, he was united in marriage in St. John's Lutheran church near Elizabethville, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Eva Brosius, who was also a native of the Keystone state, her birth occurring in Dauphin county, July 28, 1824. Mr. Hemping passed away on the 6th of March, 1896, on the

old homestead in New Albany township, Story county, but his wife still survives and makes her home with a son in South Dakota. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Dan, a veteran of the Civil war, who was born January 18, 1842, and passed away January 9, 1895; Elizabeth, who was born November 26, 1843, and died in May, 1898; Peter and Moses, both of whom passed away in infancy; Mary, who was born in May, 1846, her death occurring August 5, 1906; Kathryn, who was born October 16, 1851, and was killed in a railroad accident in Colo on the 15th of July, 1900; Susan, who was born November 14, 1853, and resides in Lincoln, Nebraska; John N., born March 31, 1856, and living in Ford county, Kansas; and Aaron L., who was born October 28, 1865, and now makes his home in South Dakota.

Coming with his parents to Story county when a lad of five years, W. S. Hempling therefore acquired his education in the schools of New Albany township, while he received thorough practical training in the work of the home farm. The wholesome atmosphere of rural life was conducive to a healthy, normal growth both mentally and physically, and with the passing of the years he learned much concerning the value of industry, integrity and perseverance. He remained with his parents until thirty years of age, when he removed to the farm adjoining the old homestead, the property of his wife, upon which he yet makes his home. Here he is successfully engaged in general farming and also devotes considerable time to stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding high grade Percheron horses. He is meeting with success in his enterprise, owing to the fact that he employs modern and progressive methods in the conduct of his interests and gives careful personal supervision to both branches of his business.

On the 10th of March, 1892, W. S. Hempling was united in marriage to Rachel Isabel Trites, whose birth occurred in New Albany township on the 22d of January, 1862. Her father, Henry Trites, a native of Germany, made the trip across the Atlantic in 1853 as a passenger on the William Tell, landing at New York. In 1858 he arrived in Story county and in the following year started for Pikes Peak. He returned to Story county, however, in 1860, in which year he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Mcamy. Agriculture was the occupation to which he devoted his time and attention, and he spent his entire life upon the farm. Iowa was yet a frontier district when he arrived within its borders. Mrs. Hempling's mother and her family came west with ox teams and it took nine weeks to make the trip from Randolph county, Indiana, to Story county. Mr. Trites cast in his lot with the early settlers and bore an important part at the time of the Spirit Lake Indian uprising. He undertook the task of notifying the troops at Fort Bridgely, South Dakota, of the uprising, as many people had already been killed. The task was a difficult one, as the distance to Fort Bridgely was one hundred miles and the journey had to be made on foot, with four to six feet of snow on the ground. He was a Mason, holding membership in Columbia Lodge, No. 292, A. F.

& A. M., at Colo. He passed away on the 8th of August, 1892, and his funeral services, held at the Methodist Episcopal church, at Colo., were conducted by Rev. Ellenberger, with the Masonic order assisting. He is survived by his widow, who now makes her home at Colo, whence she removed in 1894, and two daughters, Mrs. Hemping and Louise Hemping.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hemping have been born two sons: Henry, born on the 10th of December, 1893, who lives at home and attends high school; and William Silas, born on the 31st of December, 1898, who is also with his parents and is attending school.

Mr. Hemping is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has held all of the offices in the order. In politics he is a staunch republican, strongly supporting the progressive branch of that party, but he is without ambition for public office. He has, however, served as a member of the school board for four years, the cause of education and intellectual development finding in him a stalwart champion. Indeed his ideas are progressive along other lines, as well, and every measure or project which has for its object the upbuilding and development of the community finds in him hearty cooperation. He has passed practically his entire life within the borders of Story county and his genuine worth has gained him many warm friends during that period, his excellent traits of citizenship gaining him the respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

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#### BURTON L. MEAD.

Burton L. Mead, whose farm of one hundred and sixty acres lies within the corporate limits of Collins, may be designated as one of the fortunate citizens of Story county. His home is one of the most attractive in the township, and as a farmer, although a young man, he enjoys a reputation for success seldom accorded a man of his years. Born on the farm where he now resides, January 14, 1882, he is the son of Charles and Phoebe V. (Fish) Mead. The father became one of the wealthy men of this section and died in 1894. The mother is now living in Collins.

Burton L. Mead was reared upon the home farm under highly favorable conditions for acquiring a good physical constitution and also a thorough knowledge of all the details of agriculture and stock-raising. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and subsequently attended the Capital City Business College at Des Moines, where he acquitted himself most creditably and gained the basis of a thorough business education. At the age of eighteen years he was made assistant cashier of the Exchange State Bank of Collins, serving most acceptably for three and one-half years, when he resigned and located upon the



home farm, which reverted to him on the settlement of the family estate in 1903. This place comprises one hundred and sixty acres and is one of the highly improved farms of Story county. It is provided with substantial buildings and all conveniences of a first class, up-to-date establishment. Mr. Mead makes a specialty of stock-feeding, using not only all the grain and hay that he raises but he also buys extensively from others. He is a good judge of stock and being well acquainted with the markets is generally able to secure the very best prices available.

On the 11th of November, 1903, Mr. Mead was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Middleton, of Modale, Iowa, a daughter of William and Catherine (Minton) Middleton, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Iowa. Mr. Middleton came to Iowa about 1840 and engaged in farming in Harrison county. He also served as foreman on the construction of the Union Pacific Railway when it was built through Nebraska, but is now living retired at Modale at the age of eighty-three years. There were eighteen children in his family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mead two children have been born: Leroy William, and Elena Kathryn. Politically Mr. Mead gives his support to the republican party and fraternally is identified with Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., of Collins. He is a kind and considerate husband and father, an enterprising citizen and a faithful friend, who is willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to advance the comfort and happiness of those with whom he associates. By an industrious and straightforward life he has gained an enviable reputation for efficiency and integrity, and his personal worth is fully demonstrated in the high esteem in which he is held by people of Collins and vicinity.

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### MATHEW ELLIS McMICHAEL.

Mathew Ellis McMichael occupies an attractive home at No. 1007 Douglas avenue and is now partially living retired but for many years was closely associated with agricultural interests and draying. He was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1830. His parents, Robert and Jane (Cairns) McMichael, were both natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married. The year 1819 witnessed their arrival in Pennsylvania, at which time they took up their abode near Philadelphia, and later removed to Pittsburg. After a year in the latter city they went to Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, where Mathew E. McMichael remained until his enlistment for service in the Union army in May, 1862. Both of his parents spent their last days in Lisbon, the mother passing away March 10, 1855, while the father's death occurred on the 10th of February, 1866. He was a weaver and followed that trade throughout his life. He was also an expert at sowing grain and stacking it and did



considerable work of that kind but aside from that did not engage in farming. He had developed a knack at that work while a boy and he also became quite efficient in weaving.

Mathew E. McMichael is the youngest and the only survivor in a family of eleven children, nine of whom reached adult age. His brother John, in response to the last call, served for three months with the One Hundred and Forty-third Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. The members of the family are: James, who was a farmer, thresher and teamster and died at Alliance, Ohio; Eliza Jane, who became the wife of David Kimball and died in Ohio; William, who was a carpenter and died in Ames; Margaret May, who died in infancy; Robert Hayes, who was a builder and contractor and passed away in Ohio; Isabella, who became the wife of Wesley Kimball and died in the Buckeye state; John, who was a laborer and died in Ohio; David, who was proprietor of a livery stable at Lisbon, Ohio, for many years and there passed away; Margaret, who married Robert Morrow and died in Ohio; Anna, who died in infancy; and Mathew Ellis.

Mathew E. McMichael devoted his youth to the acquirement of an education and assisted his father in different lines of work. He was about twenty-three years of age when in May, 1862, he offered his services to the government and joined Company F, of the Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for five months, after which he was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry in the fall of 1862. Being paroled, he returned home, where he suffered an attack of typhoid fever. He enlisted a second time, in 1864, as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three months. He participated in the battle of Harper's Ferry and many minor engagements and assisted in the capture of Morgan when the Confederate general made his raid into Ohio. After the war Mr. McMichael worked as a farm laborer and later as a teamster until he came to Iowa in 1868. Making his way to Story county, he settled in Franklin township about five miles north of Ames and there rented land until July, 1870, when he took charge of the county poor farm. He was the first superintendent of the Story county farm and filled the position for twenty-two months. He then came to Ames, where he engaged in the draying business for a number of years, after which he resumed farming on a place a mile south of Ames. He rented and cultivated that land for six years, when he returned to Ames and was again engaged in teaming for a number of years. Later he went to Grundy county, where he engaged in farming in the vicinity of Conrad for six years, after which he returned to Ames and has since partially lived retired. In 1909 he built his present fine home at No. 1007 Douglas avenue.

Mr. McMichael has been married three times. In 1865 he wedded Miss Elizabeth Orr, a native of Elkton, Ohio, who died in 1866. In January, 1868, he married Samantha Evans, who was born in Illinois and died

in 1874. They had three children. Jennie, the eldest, is the wife of John McKay, of Saskatchewan, Canada. Charles Edgar, who served for three years in the regular army with the rank of sergeant, was born in Story county, October 28, 1872, and at the time of the Spanish-American war enlisted for service in the volunteer army and died in Cuba in 1898. Myrtle Belle, of Portland, Oregon, lost her mother when but two years of age and was adopted by Edward Lockwood, whose name she now bears. On the 29th of January, 1880, Mr. McMichael was again married, his third union being with Sarah Long, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1847. They have one child, Kate, who is now the wife of L. J. Cole, and resides with her father.

In his political views Mr. McMichael has always been a stalwart democrat but has never sought or desired office. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus keeps in touch with those who were his comrades when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. He has now passed the seventy-second mile-stone on life's journey and though still engaged in business to some extent is also living partially retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits.

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### GEORGE C. COUGHENOUR.

In the list of the younger generation of well known and successful farmers of Story county must be placed the name of George C. Coughenour, who is also a native son, having been born in Indian Creek township on the 5th of September, 1877. The parents, Solomon and Margaret (Dunahoo) Coughenour, came to Iowa with their respective parents, he from Pennsylvania and she from Virginia, when they were children and are included among the first settlers of this county. After their marriage they settled in Indian Creek township, where the father engaged in farming until about 1901, at which time he retired and they moved to Nevada, where they have since continued to live.

George C. Coughenour spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the common schools, assisting in the work of the farm and enjoying such pastimes as do the majority of young people living in the rural districts. When he had acquired sufficient education to enable him to undertake the duties and responsibilities of life he laid aside his text-books and turned his attention to farming, having decided to follow that occupation as it was the one to which he had been reared and which he considered was best adapted to his powers. At the age of twenty years he relieved his father by taking over the entire charge and management of the home farm, which he still continues to cultivate. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 1, Indian Creek township, and is considered one of the valuable properties of Story

county. He has made a specialty of cattle feeding for several years and has been very successful in this as well as in his farming. He is one of the progressive, wide-awake, alert young agriculturists, who keeps in close touch with every advanced movement along the lines in which he is interested, always ready to try any new methods which appeal to him as being practical and the efficacy of which has been demonstrated by trial.

He established a home of his own by his marriage on the 11th of October, 1900, to Miss Nellie Ray, a daughter of Jacob Ray, now a resident of Nevada but for many years one of the well known pioneer farmers of Indian Creek township. Three children have been born of this union: Ray, Ralph and Rollin.

Mr. Coughenour's fraternal relations have been confined to membership in the Mystic Workers of the World. Ever since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage his political affiliation has been with the democratic party, as he feels its policy is best adapted to protect the interest of the agriculturist. He has never been an office seeker nor aspired to political honors of any kind, but each election day finds him at the polls, where he casts his ballot for the candidates of the party of his choice. He is highly respected and esteemed in this, the county of his birth, and higher tribute could not be paid to his worth as a man and citizen.

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#### SEVEREN O. WALD.

Among the active members of the Story county bar none occupies a more honorable place than the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He has been in the thick of the fray for fifteen years and has carried off a fair share of laurels, being known as one of the brightest lawyers in this section of the state—an attorney who never acknowledges defeat as long as he feels he is in the right and who in a remarkable number of difficult cases has convinced the court or jury of the righteousness of his contention.

He was born in Polk county, Iowa, December 10, 1865, a son of Ole J. and Bertha U. (Gaard) Wald, both natives of Norway. They came to the United States before their marriage, in the early '50s, and located near Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. Wald purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land in Elkhart township, Polk county, Iowa, from a man for whom he was working in Illinois, and in the spring of 1865 he and his family removed to this place. He built a log cabin and later improved his farm with modern structures, developing it into one of the valuable properties of the township. He also acquired land in Humboldt county, Iowa, taking up his residence there about 1890. Mrs. Wald passed away in 1899, her husband departing this life eight years later. They were both faithful members of the Lutheran church and active workers in behalf of

every cause seeking to advance the permanent interests of the community. Mr. Wald possessed good business judgment and on account of his acknowledged reputation for integrity was a man of large influence whenever he was known.

Severin O. Wald was reared under favorable circumstances for a useful career. He acquired his education in the district schools and then took a course in the Iowa Business College of Des Moines. Subsequently he matriculated in the law department of Drake University, graduating with the degree of LL.B. in 1890. He was admitted to the bar January 22, of the same year, several months before his graduation from the university. Opening offices in Slater, he at once entered upon an active practice and has handled successfully some of the most important civil and land cases that have been tried in this section. Recently he won a land case at Clarion which involved twenty-five thousand dollars or more that had been unsuccessfully tried by some of the ablest lawyers in this part of the state. His clients are among the leading business men of the community and his opinions upon questions of law command respect as coming from one who has carefully considered the subject from all points of view.

In June, 1890, Mr. Wald was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Johnson, of Des Moines, and of this union six children were born, five of whom are now living, namely: Curtis M., Lowell M., Roscoe E., Bonnie A. and an infant daughter.

Mr. Wald gives his support to the republican party and has been frequently requested to allow his name to be proposed for the state legislature, but his extensive and growing practice has prevented his acceptance of this honor. He has served as a member of the town council and fraternally is connected with Slater Lodge, No. 384, I. O. O. F., and the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist church. Both as a pleader and counselor he has attained high standing in his profession, and as he is a man of studious habits who thoroughly prepares for every case in which he is interested, he apparently has before him many years of increasing responsibility and usefulness.

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### JOHN V. KALSEM.

John V. Kalsem, who has been living retired at Huxley for nine years past, and attained a competence through years of wisely applied labor, was born in Norway, May 20, 1830. He is a son of Valentin and Sarah Kalsem, both of whom were natives of Norway and continued in that country during their entire lives. Mr. Kalsem of this review was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools of Norway, subsequently attending the schools of Mahaska county, Iowa, for a short time. In the spring of 1850, being then twenty years of age, he arrived in



the United States, having decided to make for himself a home and a fortune under the sheltering protection of the republic. He stopped for a short time in Henry county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for five dollars a month and board, but he soon removed to Mahaska county, where he spent two or three years. In 1862, having in the meantime selected a life companion, he brought his bride to Story county and took up his home on eighty acres of land in Palestine township, where he began farming on his own account. He worked industriously and with good judgment and as he prospered from year to year he purchased more land until at one time he was the owner of five hundred acres in Story county. About 1902 he retired from active labor and removed to Huxley, where he is now living in the enjoyment of comfort and ease. He has divided his land among his children but is sure of a liberal income during the remainder of his life, being also a stockholder in the Farmers Savings bank.

On the 17th of May, 1862, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, Mr. Kalsem was united in marriage to Miss Martha Cleveland, a native of Norway, a daughter of Ole and Martha Knutzen, and of this union nine children were born, five of whom are now living, namely: Severt J., a farmer of Palestine township; Ole, also a farmer of Palestine township; Martha, the wife of Ole B. Olson, of the same township; Mary A., now Mrs. Knute Nelson, of Polk county; and John F., who is living at home.

Mr. Kalsem is essentially a self-made man, having acquired a fortune almost entirely through his own efforts. His total cash capital upon arriving in America was ten dollars, and although he was among strangers and in a strange land, he bravely set to work to win a responsible position among his fellowmen. This he accomplished and no name is more highly respected in Huxley and vicinity than that of John V. Kalsem. He has been for many years an active worker in the republican party and has served most acceptably as township trustee and member of the school board. He and his estimable wife are connected with the Lutheran church and are earnest workers in its behalf.

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#### AMOS C. HANSON.

Amos C. Hanson, one of the well known business men of McCallsburg, who has been a resident of Story county for over thirty years, was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 3d of September, 1870, his parents being Peter C. and Martha (Anderson) Hanson. The father was born in Norway on the 9th of September, 1844, but at the age of eighteen years he decided that the United States offered better advantages to young men of limited means and he emigrated. He went to Chicago in 1861, remaining there but a short time, however, as he was engaged by the government to build barracks for two years. At the end of that period



he returned to Chicago and continued to reside there until 1877 and in the fall of that year he came to Story county, Iowa, and engaged in farming. He followed this for nine years and in 1886 he removed to Washington territory, but at the end of one and one-half years residence in the latter place once more located in Story county and resumed farming. In 1896 he embarked in the grain and lumber business in McCallsburg, in which line he continued up to the time of his death in July, 1909. His wife was a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a daughter of Erner Anderson, who was a native of Norway and emigrated to New York state when a young man. After living there for a time he went to Chicago, Illinois, making the journey on foot, and from Chicago he went to La Salle county, Illinois, where he entered a tract of government land, upon which he was living at the time of his death in 1900, at the age of eighty-one years. He married Miss Margaret Gunderson, also a native of Norway, and they became the parents of ten children, Mrs. Hanson being the second in order of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Hanson were the parents of the following children: Amos C.; Milton C.; David, deceased; Carrie, deceased; Carrie, who married Howard Billings; David; Minnie; and Frank. The father held membership in the Masonic fraternity and voted the republican ticket. He was a very public-spirited man and was held in high esteem in the community where he lived, being elected to many of the minor offices in Warren township and during his residence in McCallsburg being a member of the city council. He was a most capable and successful business man and succeeded in acquiring five hundred and twenty acres of land, as well as other property, at the time of his death.

Amos C. Hanson spent his early years in the unvaried routine of study, work and play, and only at rare intervals did anything occur of sufficient interest to relieve the monotony. When he had completed the course in the district schools of Story county he matriculated at Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, where he pursued a more advanced course, thus obtaining a better education than is acquired by the average young man living in the country. On reaching his majority he followed farming for one year but on the 2d of January, 1892, he went to McCallsburg to work for his father, who was at that time engaged in the grain and lumber business. At the end of four years he was admitted to partnership, the firm thereafter being P. C. Hanson & Son, and upon the death of his father three years later he became senior member of the company, the business continuing under the same name, however.

Mr. Hanson established a home for himself by his marriage to Miss Louisa Laura, a daughter of K. O. Laura, of Hardin county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of the following children: Mabel, Clarence, Peter Lloyd, Beatrice M. and Albert Lawrence.

Mr. Hanson's fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and he is at present acting as clerk of the

McCallsburg Camp, No. 2999. Ever since he was granted the right of suffrage Mr. Hanson has cast his ballot for the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in local politics, having been a member of the McCallsburg council from the time the town was incorporated in 1902 until 1908, and he is now serving on the school board.

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### DAVID HANSON.

David Hanson, the junior member of the firm of P. C. Hanson & Son, was born in Warren township, Story county, Iowa, on the 24th of March, 1885, being a son of Peter C. and Martha (Anderson) Hanson, the father a native of Norway and the mother of Illinois. He has spent his entire life in the county of his nativity, and after completing the work in the district schools of Warren township, he entered the high school at McCallsburg, Iowa. When he left school he worked for his father until the latter's death in July, 1909, when he became the junior member of the firm, of which his brother Amos C. is the head but which continues under the original name of P. C. Hanson & Son.

Mr. Hanson is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation being with McCallsburg Camp, No. 2999. Ever since he attained his majority he has voted for the candidates of the republican party and although he has never taken an active interest in local politics he is always at the polls on election day. He is one of the highly esteemed young business men of McCallsburg, where the name of Hanson is well known and has always been accorded the greatest respect.

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### SEVERT J. KALSEM.

The second generation of the Kalsem family in Story county is ably represented by Severt J. Kalsem, whose name is synonymous with integrity and honor. He lives upon a well improved farm in Palestine township, whose appearance indicates that its owner is wide-awake and fully capable of keeping abreast of the times. He was born in the school district in which he now lives, October 4, 1866, a son of John V. Kalsem, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Severt J. Kalsem was reared at home and acquired his preliminary education in the district schools, later attending the Iowa State Business College at Des Moines, where he gained a practical knowledge that has been of special benefit to him as a man of affairs. He continued with his father and assisted in cultivating the farm until twenty-three years of age, when he began farming on his own account, locating upon land which he had pre-

viciously purchased from his father. He now owns one hundred and ninety acres on section 22, Palestine township, and has one of the desirable places of the county, having made many improvements adding greatly to its original value. He is a stockholder of the Farmers Savings bank and also of the Farmers Elevator company and the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company, all of Huxley, and as a business man and citizen stands very high in the estimation of the people.

On the 14th of February, 1895, Mr. Kalsem was united in marriage to Miss Carrie R. Nelson, a daughter of Andrew Nelson, a wealthy farmer of Polk county. Four children blessed this union: Mabel V., Martha C., Joseph N. and Agnes M.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalsem are active members of the Lutheran church, in which he serves most creditably as trustee. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and is a staunch advocate of its principles. In 1910 he was a candidate for the office of county supervisor but failed at that time of nomination. He has been identified with this section ever since his earliest recollection and on account of his many excellencies of character is greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in his part of the county.

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### GEORGE W. KELLEY.

On the pages of pioneer history of Story county appears the name of George W. Kelley, who arrived here when Nevada contained but one house and when the greater part of the county was still an unclaimed and unsettled region. He was among those who secured the wild land for the purpose of civilization and converted the prairie into productive fields. He relates many interesting incidents of the early days and is authority upon many events which find a place in history.

He was born in Vigo county, Indiana, on the 15th of January, 1835, his parents being Amos and Elizabeth (Jackson) Kelley, natives of Kentucky and North Carolina respectively. They were married in the former state and became pioneer settlers of Indiana, where the father died when his son George was but three years of age. The mother spent her last days in Story county in the home of her son George and there passed away in 1884. She ever remained true to the memory of her husband, never marrying again. Mr. Kelley had devoted his life to farming and was a very busy and active man until death terminated his labors.

George W. Kelley was the ninth in a family of seven sons and three daughters: Sallie Ann, now the deceased wife of George P. Vocum; Ma Linda, the deceased wife of William Stafford; Amos, who has also passed away; Rebecca, the deceased wife of Isaac Jones; Samuel, who served for three years in the Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and then reenlisted, after



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which he was granted a furlough and started home but died while on his way to Davenport, Iowa; William, deceased; John, who enlisted from Story county and served for a year and a half in the Civil war, his death occurring since his discharge, which was occasioned by disability; Abram, of Bloomington, Illinois; George W.; and Hezekiah, who died in Kansas. Of the above sons William and John were twins.

George W. Kelley with his mother and younger brother, Hezekiah, went to McLean county, Illinois, in the fall of 1850 and in the fall of 1853 they came to Story county, Iowa. It was on the 22d of September of that year that George W. Kelley started from Illinois, accompanied by his mother and brother and by Samuel and Isaac Jones and their families, for Iowa. The Kelleys had two covered wagons drawn by horses. They crossed the Mississippi at Muscatine, traveled from there to Iowa City and thence to Marietta, which at that time was the county seat of Marshall county. Later they proceeded to Story county, which was then largely a wild, unsettled and undeveloped region. There was only one house upon the present site of Nevada and it is still standing—one of the old landmarks of the early days—occupied by T. E. Alderman. The Kelley family traveled on to what is now the eastern part of Boone county, where they arrived in October, remaining there until the 12th of December, at which time George W. Kelley took up his abode on section 1, Palestine township, Story county. At that time there resided in Palestine township R. Balldock, Washington Thomas, George Thomas, Robert and William Hawk and E. McKinzie. There was not a house between Grove and Madrid, a distance of fifteen miles. Mr. Kelley entered one hundred and forty acres of land from the government. In the fall of 1852 he had entered eighty acres in Marshall county but never resided thereon. He has made his home continuously in Story county since 1853 and after locating in Palestine township he at once began the task of developing and improving his land. In the fall of 1854 it became necessary for him to go to mill, and the nearest place where he could get grist ground was at Oskaloosa, about seventy-five miles away. He had to journey with an ox team and it took a week to make the round trip. Because of this he had to carry provisions with him and camp on the prairie at night. The same fall he took a load of dressed pork to Des Moines and received a dollar and a half per hundred weight therefor. On the return trip he brought home a barrel of salt, for which he paid twelve dollars and ten cents. At that time there was only one dry-goods store and two grocery stores in Des Moines and the state capital was at Iowa City. Deer and elk were seen in Story county in large numbers and wild turkeys were very plentiful, so that it was not difficult to supply the pioneer table with meat. The first school-house in Palestine township was built on section 1 in the spring of 1854, was made of round logs and had a dirt floor. A young man by the name of G. Brown was the first teacher. Mr. Kelley aided in building the school-house and has always been a friend of education and progress. He also

assisted in building the first church in Palestine township about 1850, it being a house of worship for the United Brethren congregation, Rev. Marks acting as the first pastor. The church was started with the idea of making it a United Brethren school but sufficient aid was not received and they converted the building into a church, Mr. Kelley giving twenty-five dollars and his labor toward the work. In 1854 he also helped to lay out the first road from Palestine township to Nevada. It was practically only a trail made by sticking poles in the ground to guide the wagons over the prairie through the tall grasses.

As the years passed on Mr. Kelley devoted his time and energies closely to the development of the farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, which he converted into a rich and productive property, annually gathering good harvests therefrom. He made his home upon that place until November 27, 1900, when he retired, taking up his abode at his present residence at No. 1302 Kellogg avenue in Ames. He sold the farm about two years ago and since removing to this city has lived retired, enjoying well earned rest, which is the merited reward of his labor.

Mr. Kelley was living in this county at the time of the Civil war and enlisted in August, 1861, as a member of Company A, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain McCauley. The command was assigned to the Army of the West and after serving for three and a half years he was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864. He was in the hospital at Camp Dennison, Ohio, for two months, yet took part in all of the engagements with his regiment, including the battles of Island No. 10, Iuka, Corinth, Jackson, Champion's Hill, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, the Atlanta campaign and was also with Sherman on the march to the sea and on the campaign through the Carolinas. He was mustered out at Kingston, Georgia, and returned home with a most creditable military record, for he had manifested unfaltering loyalty on the field of battle. He not only had narrow escapes while upon the firing line but again seemed to escape with his life in almost miraculous manner during the cyclone of September, 1882, for on that occasion his buildings, stock and crops were all destroyed, leaving him nothing save the land. Undiscouraged by this condition, however, he resolutely set to work to retrieve his losses and in the course of years gained a substantial competence, now enabling him to live retired.

On the 22d of December, 1870, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Selby, who was born in La Grange county, Indiana, September 5, 1841, and in 1868 came to Iowa with her parents, Ralph and Catharine Selby, who were natives of Ohio and spent their last days near Des Moines. Their family numbered four children and unto Mr. and Mrs. Kelley four children have been born, namely: Annetta, the wife of Frank Smith, of Dayton, Iowa; Clinton, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Harry, living in Ames; and Frank, of Boone county, Iowa.

Mr. Kelley is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus keeps in close touch with his old army comrades. He has always been

loyal and progressive in citizenship, displaying no greater faithfulness to his country and its welfare in times of war than he does in days of peace. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and his has been an honorable and creditable record, his life history showing what may be accomplished by determined purpose, close application and unfaltering energy. He started out empty-handed and is today the possessor of a comfortable competence, supplying him with all of the necessities and many of the comforts of life.

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### FRANK FREDERICK MENZEL.

Among the well known and prosperous farmers of Warren township, Story county, is Frank Frederick Menzel, who was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, in 1863, and is a son of Carl and Amelia (Richter) Menzel. The father was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 4th of July, 1832, a son of Frederick and Teresa Menzel, both natives of Prussia, where they spent their entire lives. Frederick Menzel was a farmer and was highly respected in the community where he lived. Of the six children in his family his son Carl was the only one to come to the United States. Mrs. Amelia Menzel was a daughter of John Fred and Rosa Richter, the fourth child in a family of eleven. Her parents spent their entire lives in the fatherland.

Carl Menzel, our subject's father, came to America in 1860, landing in New York on the 5th of July and going to Freeport, Illinois, where he remained until 1871, when he migrated to Warren township, Story county, Iowa, and has since continued to make this his home. He was actively engaged in farming until 1900, at which time he retired and removed to McCallsburg, where he now resides. He was successful in his undertakings and is now able to live comfortably on the revenue derived from his various properties. He owns his residence in McCallsburg and is a stockholder in the McCallsburg State bank. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Menzel, as follows: Albertina M., the wife of J. A. M. Irvine; Charles H., a resident of Warren township; Frank F., our subject; Amelia, who married A. L. Dayton; and Emma, the wife of Lars H. Bakka. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Ever since his naturalization the father has identified himself with the republican party. Both of these worthy people are highly respected and esteemed in their locality, where they have many friends.

Frank F. Menzel was only eight years of age when his parents located in Warren township. He started to school in Illinois but the greater portion of his education was acquired in the district schools of Story county. He remained under the paternal roof until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he felt he should become independent of his

father's supervision and start out in life for himself. He engaged in farming as a renter for about six years, during that time acquiring sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land, which he did in 1891. He settled on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Warren township, where he continues to reside, his property being one of the best in the vicinity. In addition to his country real estate Mr. Menzel owns a business block in McCallsburg, is a stockholder in the Farmers bank of that town and a director of the Farmers Elevator Company of McCallsburg.

Mr. Menzel was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Johnson, who was born in Denmark, in 1867, coming to the United States with her parents in 1868. Six children have been born of this union: Pearl, Ray, Grace, Ruth, Lela and Fred, all of whom are living at home. The wife and mother passed away in 1902 at the age of thirty-five years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ever since he has been granted the full rights of citizenship Mr. Menzel has cast his ballot with the republican party, and his party fealty has been rewarded by his election to the office of township trustee and presidency of the local school board. He served in the latter capacity for twelve years. He is a man of exceptionally high principles, broad in his views, charitable in his criticisms and just in his opinions. He has been quite successful in his pursuits, acquiring a comfortable competency, but it is the fruit of honest endeavor and close application. His every deed has been above suspicion and as a result he is highly esteemed and honored in the community where the greater part of his life has been passed.

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#### SQUIRE McCONNELL.

Men of industrious habits and of fidelity to principle are worthy of the sincere respect of their associates. Their life from day to day is a valuable incentive to others and it would be impossible to estimate the good that is done in the world through the simple force of example. Squire McConnell, whose name introduces this sketch, should be classed with those here indicated. Born in Indian Creek township, this county, November 17, 1858, he is a son of Alexander and Caroline (Raimor) McConnell, the former of whom was a native of Hancock county, Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania. The parents were married in Hancock county, where the mother was living at that time with her parents. About 1855 they came to Story county, Mr. McConnell entering government land in Indian Creek township. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the township and continued upon his farm until late in life, when he removed to Maxwell, being called away in 1896, at the age of sixty eight years. He was quite successful in his vocation, becoming the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he made



many improvements. Politically he gave his support to the democratic party and fraternally he was connected with the Masonic order. Mrs. McConnell was a staunch believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and a woman of many beautiful traits of character. She departed this life in April, 1882.

Squire McConnell in his early years attended school in a pioneer log schoolhouse and there acquired the rudiments of an education which has been greatly broadened by reading, observation and experience. At the age of twenty-one years he began cultivating rented land on his own account and kept bachelor's hall until his marriage, when he brought his wife to the farm which has since been their home. He is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good land on section 18, Collins township, and, being thrifty and energetic, he has acquired a handsome competence and is now well fortified against material want.

On the 4th of August, 1884, Mr. McConnell was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca J. John, a daughter of William Tipton John and a granddaughter of Bowen W. John, one of the early settlers of Story county, mention of whom is made in the sketch of John W. John. To Mr. and Mrs. McConnell two children have been born: Mabel Belle, deceased; and Hester A.

Mr. McConnell has been a useful citizen, performing his duties to the best of his ability, and he is ever ready to extend a helping hand to a deserving fellowman. He plainly is entitled to an honorable place among the substantial citizens of Story county. Since arriving at man's estate he has been affiliated with the democratic party but he has never sought public office, preferring to devote his attention to his private affairs. Mrs. McConnell has been a most valued assistant to her husband and is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church.

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### GEORGE W. BALDWIN.

Reared under highly favorable conditions for a successful business career and with practical experience, without which the best training could scarcely avail, George W. Baldwin is now recognized as one of the successful merchants of Story county. Energy and firm purpose have constituted the salient elements in his career. He was born in Iowa Center, Story county, April 22, 1874, a son of Frank M. and Mary (Maxwell) Baldwin. The father, who was one of the best known business men in central Iowa, was born in Onondaga county, New York, November 10, 1829, a son of Wallace and Mary (Burnett) Baldwin, natives respectively of Connecticut and Vermont. The grandfather was a well known salt manufacturer. Frank M. Baldwin was reared in his native state and received his education in the public schools. In 1849 he came west to Chicago, arriving in that city about the same time that



Marshall Field, Alexander Revell and others whose names have since become famous in the business world came. Mr. Baldwin, however, remained in Chicago only about three years, during which time he was clerk in a dry-goods store. He then came to Story county, Iowa, and entered government land in Indian Creek township, but after one season returned to Cook county, Illinois and engaged in the mercantile business at a place then known as Dan lee Station. In 1855 he returned to Story county and was associated for nine years in business with Young Brothers. In 1864 he became senior member of the mercantile firm of Baldwin & Maxwell, whose business gradually increased until its trade extended throughout a large portion of central Iowa. The firm did a wholesale business, supplying many smaller tradesmen, and the name of Baldwin & Maxwell became a synonym for fair dealing wherever the name was known. At the time the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway was built through Story county the firm established a branch house at Maxwell, of which Mr. Maxwell assumed charge, while the senior member continued at Iowa Center.

Frank M. Baldwin was married in 1859 to Miss Mary Maxwell, a sister of his business partner, and by this union five children were born: Millie A., now deceased; Jennie, Charles G., George W., and Jessie. The father is still living at Maxwell and is one of the most capable business men in Iowa.

George W. Baldwin was reared at Iowa Center and educated in the public schools until he arrived at the age of twelve years, when the exigency of business required that he should assist in his father's store. Having once started in the mercantile line he has never found time to continue his school education, but he has greatly broadened his knowledge by reading, observation and contact with the world. He continued at Iowa Center until his father removed to Maxwell in 1892 and then entered the Maxwell store, with which he was connected until it was disposed of in 1898. After working for others for a short time he visited California and upon returning to Maxwell was employed for one year by R. J. Belt. In 1903 he removed to Collins and for a year was connected with the general mercantile establishment of Fred Graef. Retiring from this position he went to Los Aninos, Colorado, but his wife was dissatisfied with their surroundings, and, after receiving several letters from Mr. Graef, asking him to return, Mr. Baldwin again came to Collins and assisted Mr. Graef until the latter sold the business to W. A. Severs, of the Colfax (Iowa) Mercantile Company. Mr. Baldwin was placed in charge of the store and closed out most of the stock, the remainder being removed to Colfax. Having purchased fixtures, Mr. Baldwin then organized the firm of G. W. Baldwin & Company with Clark Chambers as partner, and the stock of Mr. Severs being removed from the building January 1, 1907, on January 5th, four days later, the new firm opened for business, selling forty three dollars worth of goods the first day. From this time onward the business has steadily increased, and the firm of G. W. Baldwin & Company is now one of the substantial and flourishing concerns of this section.

On the 20th of July, 1904, Mr. Baldwin was united in marriage to Miss Olga E. Serbein, of Maxwell, and one child, John William, born January 11, 1909, has blessed this union. Mr. Baldwin is a valued member of Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., of Collins; Social Lodge, No. 436, I. O. O. F., and Jewell Encampment, No. 143, both of Maxwell. Politically, he is identified with the republican party and is a firm believer in its ability to conduct the affairs of the nation through any troubles that may arise. He takes the interest of a patriotic citizen in public affairs and is now serving his second term as member of the town council. He is thoroughly practical and systematic in anything he undertakes and has fairly earned the success which is the result of patient and wisely applied labor.

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### W. J. HARTUNG.

W. J. Hartung, proprietor of the Oak Park Farm, is too well known among farmers and stockmen not only of Story county but of this section of the state for it to be necessary to make any explanation as to why his name should appear in the annals of Indian Creek township. He is of German descent, as his name would imply, his parents emigrating to the United States when they were quite young and settling in Polk county, Iowa, where they were later married. William and Mary (Koppf) Hartung were living on a farm in Polk county when their son, W. J. Hartung, was born on the 4th of June, 1874. The father came to this country in company with his brother August, with whom he farmed in partnership as a renter for a time, but being a thrifty man and possessing unusual executive ability he was soon able to purchase the farm which he had been renting and continued to add to his holdings until he possessed three hundred and forty acres. In 1892 he retired and moved to Colfax, being known as one of the wealthy farmers of that vicinity, but in 1899 he and Mrs. Hartung located in Des Moines, where they have ever since resided. They attend the Methodist Protestant church, to which the mother belongs.

W. J. Hartung remained a member of his father's household until he was eighteen years of age and up to that time his life had been spent very similarly to that of other young people. He obtained his education in the common schools and when not occupied with his text-books assisted his father upon the farm, so that when he had attained manhood he was quite a competent young farmer and stockman. In 1892 he decided that he was old enough to assume the heavier responsibilities of life and began farming for himself, renting for this purpose a portion of his father's land. He continued to follow this course for eight years and then in 1901 he came to Story county and bought his present home farm of ninety-two acres located on section 15, Indian Creek township, where he has ever since resided.

In 1897 he began making a specialty of the breeding and raising of thorough bred Duroc Jersey hogs. He has made a particularly careful study of breeds and is one of the best, if not the best, informed man along this line in this section of the state. He has bred some of the best stock in this part of the country, at the same time raising the standard among stockmen generally, many of the heavy breeders obtaining their strain from him. He has probably done more than any other stockman in his immediate vicinity to improve the breed of hogs, and his reputation in this line has spread as he ships stockmen all over the country. He has been exhibiting his stock for years past at the county fairs and for three years has been an exhibitor at the state fair and has never yet failed to win a ribbon.

Mr. Hartung was united in marriage to Miss Eva L. Osborne, on the 10th of March, 1897. She is a daughter of the late John Osborne and Mrs. Sarah Osborne, of Maxwell, both of whom were among the pioneers of Story county.

In his political views Mr. Hartung has always been guided by the policy of the republican party for whose candidates he casts his ballot. Although he has never sought political favor he has, without any solicitation on his part, been twice elected to the office of township assessor and is the present incumbent of that office. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and is ranked as one of the very successful and substantial farmers and stockmen in Story county.

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#### ERNEST EDWARD WHITE, M. D.

Through conscientious application to his profession and by a personal interest in the advancement of the town which he adopted as his home seven years ago, Dr. Ernest Edward White has attained an honored place in the estimation of the people of Huxley, Iowa, and the surrounding region. He was born in Saunders county, Nebraska, September 12, 1872, a son of Edward T. and Rose (Stocking) White, the former a native of Wahoo, Nebraska, and the latter of Hope, Indiana. They were married in Nebraska, to which state Mrs. White had previously moved with her parents. Her father was the Hon. Moses Stocking, a member of the Nebraska state legislature and one of the first men to introduce blooded cattle into Saunders county. He was county commissioner, a life member of the state board of agriculture, a director of the State Horticultural Society, president of the Wool and Sheep Growers Association, and vice president of the Fine Stock Breeders Association, being also a charter member of the State Historical Society and a member of the committee on awards on wool at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. He also received an award from this exposition on wool raised from his own farm. He was a fluent writer and a frequent contributor to periodical literature.



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Politically he gave his support to the republican party and although not a seeker for office, he came very nearly being nominated for governor by his party at the state convention held in Lincoln September 23, 1875. He was an interesting and forcible public speaker and for many years a leader in the state. In the early days of the gold excitement in Colorado he visited the Rocky Mountains and while waiting for spring to appear at the mouth of Cherry creek assisted in founding the city of Denver. Mr. Stocking was indeed a true type of the frontiersmen who paved the way for the settlement of the western country. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Thomas White, was also a man of unusual sagacity. He was a partner of John Deere in the manufacture of plows but severed his connection with Mr. Deere and removed to Muscatine, Iowa.

Edward T. White, the father of our subject, enlisted at Muscatine in 1862 in Company G, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteers, and was one of the valiant soldiers of the Civil war. He was severely wounded at the battle of Middleton, Tennessee, and in January, 1864, was taken prisoner by the Confederates and confined in the Cahaba (Ala.) and Andersonville military prisons. He received his honorable discharge from service August 19, 1865, and went to Saunders county, Nebraska, where he taught school for several years. Subsequently he located upon government land in Butler county, Nebraska, being one of the old settlers in that section. In 1880 he removed to Portland, Oregon, where he has since resided. His wife died in Portland in 1908.

Ernest Edward White acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Nebraska and also attended the Plainview Normal school at Plainview, Nebraska, and Elliott's Commercial College of Burlington, Iowa. After leaving school he accepted a position in a bank at Plainview, serving for four years when he took up the study of medicine. He began under Dr. F. H. Nye, of Plainview, and in 1893 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. He transferred his allegiance in the fall of 1894 to Drake University, graduating from the medical department of that institution in 1896 with the degree of M. D. Immediately after leaving college he began practice at Marysville, Marion county, Iowa, where he continued for three years, and then in 1899 removed to Pleasant Plain, Jefferson county, Iowa, where he gained a liberal patronage. In 1904 he located at Huxley and has since built up a practice which extends over a wide territory in this part of the state. Professionally he is identified with the Story County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is in high favor with his brother practitioners as well as with all who have had reason to make use of his professional services.

On the 14th of October, 1896, Dr. White was united in marriage at Plainview, Nebraska, to Miss Minnie Stafford, and one child, Gertrude S., has blessed this union. Politically the Doctor is allied with the republican party and although he has not sought public office, he has served most ac-

ceptably as a member of the school board, being one of the active factors in the erection of the new school building. In every relation of life he has attempted to perform his duty, and as he is a man of genial manner and generous disposition, he has gained many friends who have the most implicit confidence in his integrity and ability.

### GEORGE CLINTON WHITE.

George C. White, recently established in the practice of law at Nevada, Iowa, is a native of Illinois, born in McLean county, December 6, 1805. He comes of English lineage on the paternal side, the progenitors of the family in America having arrived on the western shores of the Atlantic during the colonial period. His great grandfather, Nathaniel White, served in the Revolutionary war from New York. The father of our subject, William H. White, was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1835 and removed with his parents to Illinois in 1850. He was one of the successful farmers of that state, where he died in 1905, at the age of seventy years. Politically he gave his support to the republican party. The mother of our subject, who was Martha Ann Donovan before her marriage, was born in Springfield, Ohio, in 1840, and survived her husband five years, passing away in July, 1910. She removed with her parents to Washington county, Iowa, in 1840. Our subject has one sister, Anna, who was born in McLean county, Illinois, in 1869, and is now the wife of E. W. Sutherland, a lawyer of Bloomington, Illinois.

George C. White was reared under the favoring influences of a peaceable home, and as he grew up he assisted his father to the extent of his strength and ability in the work of the fields. He received his preliminary education in the district schools, advancing sufficiently to secure a certificate as a school teacher. He taught for two years and for a time was a student at the normal school at Normal, Illinois, but agricultural pursuits held out greater inducements than the schoolroom, and accordingly, in 1803, he began farming on land of his own in Story county, continuing for twelve years. In 1905 he took charge of the Farmers Elevator at Nevada, which he conducted most successfully for one year. Having decided to adopt a professional career, he matriculated at Drake University in 1907 and was graduated from the law department with a degree of LL.B. in 1909. Desiring to proceed still further with his studies, he entered the law department of Yale University and was graduated from that celebrated institution with a degree of LL.M., in 1910. Soon after leaving the university he began practice in Nevada and as he has many friends in Story county and his ability in practical lines of business has been thoroughly demonstrated, there is little doubt as to his success in his chosen profession.

On the 18th of June, 1890, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Chalfant, who was born in McLean county, Illinois, May 2, 1865. She is the daughter of William and Margaret (Duff) Chalfant, the father being a well known farmer of the county. Mr. White is a member of the Story County Bar Association, and also of Lodge No. 99, A. F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Ever since arriving at manhood he has given his support to the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to promote the interests of the country. He has been an earnest supporter of the party in Story county and served in the thirty-second and thirty-third general assemblies of Iowa, showing an ability which greatly pleased his constituents. He is now fairly started on his professional career, and it requires no prophet to foretell that his efforts will be exercised in behalf of the political, intellectual and moral advancement of the region with which he has for many years been intimately identified.

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### STEPHEN L. LOUGHRAN.

Stephen L. Loughran is one of the well known business men of Ames, being proprietor of the Loughran Machine company, and an old resident of Story county. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 27th of August, 1866, a son of Edmund and Sarah A. (Bryer) Loughran, also residents of Ames. The father was born in Armagh, County Armagh, Ireland, on the 30th of June, 1832, and was educated in the schools of Armagh, where he lived until he had reached his fifteenth year, when he emigrated to the United States. Upon his arrival here he went to Hampshire county, West Virginia, but after remaining there for a few months he removed to Wheeling, that state, and engaged in the machinery business there until 1855, at which time he went to New York city and after a year's residence in the metropolis he accepted a position in the employ of Cox, Richardson & Boynton, stove and furnace manufacturers, in Westchester county, New York. He did not long retain that position but in 1857 started westward, Des Moines, Iowa, being his destination, and there he engaged in the manufacturing business. On the 2d of January, 1864, he responded to the call of the nation's chief and enlisted in the First Iowa Battery. The most important battle in which he participated was that of Atlanta on the 22d of July, 1864, and he was also on the field at Resaca, Georgia. On the 5th of July, 1865, he was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, and returned to Des Moines, where he engaged in business until 1874. In the latter year he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jasper county, Iowa, upon which he settled, and for ten years followed the occupation of farming. At the end of that period he came to Ames and bought out the business of Shields & Cook, who handled farm implements, continuing in this for eighteen years. In 1902 he withdrew from active business and is now living retired in Ames.

On the 6th of February, 1854, Edmund Loughran was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Bryer, and they became the parents of nine children, who are as follows: John B., a resident of Scott, Kansas; Sarah, who became the wife of W. H. Wintersteen and lives in Hartford, South Dakota; Edmund James, living in Madison county, Iowa; one who died in infancy; Stephen L., our subject; Thomas J., residing in Ames; Jennie E., the wife of F. M. Coulter, also living in Ames; William B., who died at the age of thirty-six years; and Mary B., who lives in Los Angeles, California. The family always attended the services of the United Presbyterian church and the parents hold membership in the First church of that denomination in Des Moines. Mr. Loughran votes the republican ticket and for a period of four years filled the office of justice of peace. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being locally identified with Ellsworth Post, No. 30, of Ames. He stands high in the regard of the people of the community where he has **resided for nearly a quarter of a century.**

Stephen L. Loughran acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Des Moines and in 1884 entered the Iowa State College, where he remained until 1887, at which time he entered into business with his father under the firm name of the Loughran Machine company. This is the pioneer machine business of the county having been in existence for twenty-six years, and they now have a branch establishment at Gilbert, Iowa. They handle a full and complete line of buggies, wagons and farming implements, and also deal in coal.

Mr. Loughran completed arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Lillie Brown, a daughter of Captain K. W. and Lydia (Gates) Brown. Six children have been born of this union, as follows: Faith Lillian; Sarah, who died in infancy; Stephen L., Jr.; Kendric W.; Dorothy Gates, and Edmund. The family attend the Congregational church of which the parents and three older children are members. Ever since he acquired the full rights of citizenship Mr. Loughran has cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He has never taken an active part in politics, not aspiring to public office, but fulfills his duties as a citizen by **being at the polls on election day.**

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### J. J. COON.

J. J. Coon is one of the venerable citizens of Story county, having passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey. He was born in Saratoga county, New York, December 23, 1820, and has, therefore, lived through the period of America's greatest and most marvelous development. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Jacco) Coon, both of whom were natives of Saratoga county, New York. The mother died in the Empire state, but the father passed away in Branch county, Michigan. They were



the parents of six children: Rensselaer, Elizabeth, J. J., Sarah Jane, Samuel and Louisa, but only the subject of this review is now living.

When six or eight years of age J. J. Coon accompanied his parents on their removal to Rochester, New York, and remained a resident of Monroe county until twenty-four years of age. He was with his parents until about seventeen years of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade and started out in business for himself. He then went to Michigan, where he spent one year working at his trade, and in 1856 he came to Story county, Iowa, casting in his lot with the early settlers who were seeking to reclaim a wild and unimproved region for the purposes of civilization. He built the first sawmill of the county and the dam for T. R. Hughes on Skunk river and afterward worked at the carpenter's trade in the employ of others for two years. He then returned to Michigan and was married, after which he brought his wife to Story county. They were fourteen days in making the trip from Iowa City with three ox teams, for the mud was so deep that they could make but little progress. Mr. Coon secured one hundred and ninety-six acres of land, a mile and a half northeast of Gilbert, and in exchange gave one hundred and ninety-six days' work at his trade to T. R. Hughes, its former owner. The land was on the prairie about three miles from any other habitation, so Mr. Hughes felt that he could not live there. Mr. Coon, therefore, made the exchange and also paid one hundred and fifty dollars for his present eighty-acre farm on which he has resided continuously since 1860. He afterward purchased an additional tract of twenty acres and now has a valuable property of one hundred acres on section 23, Franklin township. He has lived continuously in this county since 1856 and is one of its best known and most honored pioneers. At the time of his arrival only one house stood on the present site of Ames. He attended the celebration held by the college when they were plastering the first of its main buildings. The occasion was made a most festive one for all countryside, and Mr. Coon speaks with pleasure of his enjoyment on that day. He has seen the building of the towns of College and Ames and witnessed all of the changes which have occurred. In the early days Iowa City was the nearest railroad point and that was one hundred and forty miles away. The common subject of conversation in pioneer times was introduced with the question, "How did you cross the slough and which way is the best to take?" Nevada was the postoffice and trading point until the railroad was built to Ames. Mr. Coon managed to get his mail once a week by taking turns with the neighbors in going to the postoffice. There were many hardships and trials to be borne in the early period of development in Story county, yet there were many pleasures to be enjoyed, for the pioneers were hospitable people, whose homes were ever open for the reception of friends and neighbors.

On the 21st of January, 1858, Mr. Coon completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Mary J. Hinchey, who was born in Rochester, New York, June 4, 1838, and when sixteen years



of age went to Ypsilanti, Michigan, with her parents, there residing until her marriage. She is a daughter of William S. and Lucy G. (Davis) Hinchey, who were natives of Saratoga county, New York, and spent their last days in Ypsilanti. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coon were born five children: Louise A., who is the widow of Lemuel Walters and resides in South Dakota; Elizabeth, the wife of Alvin Van Campen, of Rochester, Minnesota; Mary E., the wife of John Hoover, of Ames; Jennie C., the wife of Seward Mabie, also of Ames; and William P., who is living in Franklin township.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coon yet enjoy good health and are remarkably active for people of their age. Mr. Coon seems to possess the vigor of a man twenty years younger and still works about the farm although he has passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey. His wife, too, is splendidly preserved and does her own housework. They are numbered among the worthy pioneer settlers of the county and all who know them are glad to call them friend. Mr. Coon is familiar with the pioneer history of this part of the state and shared in all of the experiences of frontier life. After locating here he killed three wolves, two foxes and one deer within the county and on one morning he caught fifty-six prairie chickens in a trap. In 1877 he caught a pike that weighed twenty-two pounds in a dip net in Skunk river near his home, this being the largest ever caught in this section of the state. It was four and a half feet long and might well be a matter of pride to any fisherman. In his farming operations Mr. Coon displayed an enterprising, progressive spirit and as the years have passed by he has enjoyed substantial success, supplying him with the comforts of life.

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#### W. P. COON.

W. P. Coon, the youngest of the five children of J. J. and Mary Coon, was born in Franklin township, Story county, April 22, 1867. Throughout his entire life he has lived in this township and since attaining his majority has given his attention to general farming. He is today busily engaged in the cultivation of a tract of land of one hundred and thirty-one acres on section 22, whereon he has resided for fifteen years. It is known as the Riverside farm and is a fine property, well improved. He makes a specialty of raising seed corn and is also extensively engaged in the raising of pigeons, selling about two thousand annually to the Des Moines market. He finds this a profitable industry and takes excellent care of the birds, so that good results are obtained.

In 1892 W. P. Coon was married to Miss Nannie Miller, a native of this county and a daughter of R. J. Miller. They had two children: Ernest and Theodore. In 1907 Mr. Coon was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Grace Underhill, a native of Michigan and a daughter of

D. G. Stone. There is one child by this marriage, Edwin, and they also have an adopted daughter, Florence. Like his father, Mr. Coon has led a busy and useful life and is held in high regard throughout the community where he has always made his home.

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### SEGAR NELSON.

Iowa is indebted to Denmark for many of her progressive and enterprising citizens and among these must be included Segar Nelson of Richland township, Story county. He was born in Denmark on the 21st of December, 1846, and is a son of John and Marie Nelson, who spent their entire lives in the land of the Danes. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four became citizens of the United States, namely: John Nelson, a resident of Iowa; Ole Nelson, Richland township; Hans Nelson, Marshall, Iowa; and our subject.

Mr. Nelson of this review came to America in 1873, feeling after twenty-seven years spent in the old country that his opportunities for acquiring a competence that would enable him to become independent in the latter years of his life, would be far greater here than there. He had already served eighteen months in the army of his country and had received an honorable discharge. On arriving in New York he made his way westward and located in Marshall county, Iowa. He remained there for seven years and in 1880 he bought one hundred and thirteen acres of land on section 1, Richland township, Story county, where he continues to reside. He later acquired one hundred and fifty-two acres on another section of the same township but he has disposed of this. His homestead is one of the finest farms in this section of the county. It is well stocked with good breeds of cattle and hogs and contains modern improvements, all of which have been added since he purchased it, the property is kept in excellent repair and the well tilled fields yield an abundant harvest each year. Everything about the place suggests thrift, good management and careful supervision of details. Time was when it was thought that any one could be a farmer, but it is now universally conceded that it requires just as much skill, foresight and executive ability to cultivate the soil so that it will yield profitable returns as to manage any business or industry. That he was by nature qualified to do the work he chose as his life's vocation Mr. Nelson has clearly demonstrated, as the arduous work of his early years enabled him to retire from active farming some time ago.

Mr. Nelson chose for his helpmate Miss Christina Rasmussen and by this union were born two children: Mary, deceased; and Rasmus A., who lives at home and manages the farm. Ever since his naturalization conferred upon him the right of suffrage Mr. Nelson has cast his ballot with the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in politics and

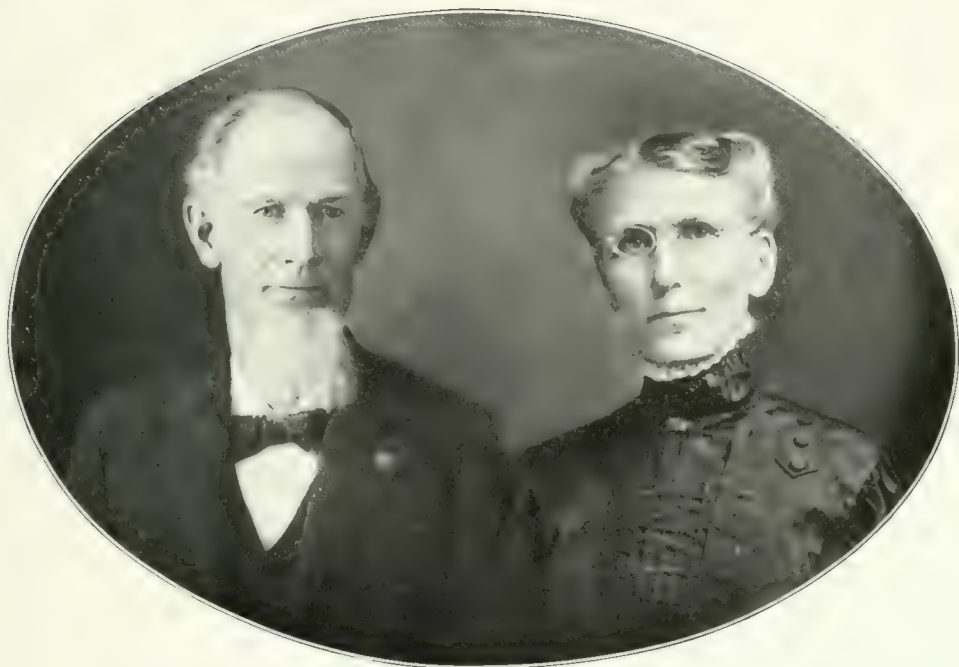
was for several years road supervisor and is now a member of the school board. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson hold membership in the Lutheran church. He is one of the leading men of his community, his industry and progressive spirit making him one of the honored citizens of Richland township, whose success and substantial position is regarded as the rightful heritage of his many years of close application and unremitting activity.

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### HIRAM F. FERGUSON.

The name of Ferguson is well known in Story county. It has figured in the agricultural development of this portion of the state for many years and Hiram F. Ferguson is recognized as one whom lovers of the Union delight to honor. He was a brave soldier when the dissolution of the republic was threatened and during his active life was one of the most progressive citizens of the county, but is now living retired at Nevada.

He was born in Oswego county, New York, April 14, 1843, a son of Hiram and Ethelinda D. (Dewey) Ferguson. The father was a native of Oswego county, New York. His grandfather was born in Scotland, coming to this country and settling in New York state, where he was living at the time of the Revolutionary war. Hiram Ferguson, who was a millwright by trade, came to Iowa in 1854 and readily found employment in building a sawmill on the Iowa river, near Union in Hardin county. After completing this work he built a mill for John Miller on Skunk river, in Franklin township, and also for Darius Chandler, at Cambridge. He was of an inventive turn of mind and originated a water wheel principally for up and down sawmills, which was used quite extensively throughout the country for many years. After spending two years in Iowa he went east for his family and upon returning he lived for a time at Steamboat Rock, Hardin county, where he had overhauled a mill and put in one of his wheels. He built a gristmill and in the fall of 1858 moved his family to Nevada in order that the children might have the advantages of school during the winter. In the spring of 1859, having entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Howard township, he took up his residence there, the mother of the family passing away the following year. In 1862 Mr. Ferguson located at Clemons Grove, Marshall county, and he died while living at that place, July 14, 1893, at the age of fifty-five years. He was an active member of the Methodist church and while in the east was connected with the Sons of Temperance. Politically he was identified with the old line whig party and its successor, the republican party. Mrs. Ferguson was a native of Connecticut and was also a member of the Methodist church. She died May 27, 1860, at the age of fifty-three years. There were six children in the family. William D., now living retired in Oswego county, New York, is a millwright by trade and



MR. AND MRS. H. F. FERGUSON





served with distinction in the Civil war, becoming major of the one Hundred and Eighty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry. Elijah prepared for the ministry but died in Tennessee prior to the Civil war. Harvey H. passed away in 1863. Jason D. gave up his life for his country in the battle of Shiloh, April 7, 1862, being then twenty-two years of age. He enlisted for three months in the First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, while attending school at Mount Vernon, and after the expiration of that period reenlisted in the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, at Cedar Rapids, and was made first lieutenant of Company D. The Grand Army Post at Nevada is named in his honor. He was the first man from Story county to be killed in battle. Hiram F. is the subject of this review. Delia N. married John Stough, a farmer, and after his death became the wife of George Monlux, who is also deceased. She is now living at Beaman, Grundy county.

Hiram F. Ferguson received his education in the public schools up to sixteen years of age and after laying his books aside in the spring of 1859 assisted his father upon the farm for two years. In August, 1861, he enlisted at Nevada in Company B, Second Iowa Cavalry, and served in the Civil war until September 19, 1865, at which date he was mustered out at Selma, Alabama, as sergeant of his company. He took part in many important battles, sieges and movements, including the siege of Corinth, during which a charge was made by his regiment, which stands out prominently in the history of the Army of the West. He was also in the battle of Booneville, Mississippi, where Sheridan won his spurs as brigadier general; the battle of Iuka and again at Corinth; Tupelo; Nashville; and in many skirmishes. His regiment during Hood's advance and retreat was for sixty-four days almost continuously under fire. After the war Mr. Ferguson engaged in farming on the old homestead and on other places in Howard township for many years, finally removing to Story City, where he lived retired for seven years. Since 1910 he has made his home at Nevada.

On March 15, 1866, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Ballard, who was born in Will county, Illinois, December 31, 1845, and is a daughter of Moses R. and Eliza (Beecher) Ballard. Moses Ballard, the American progenitor of the family, was born in England and came to the United States when he was about eighteen years of age. He served in a Massachusetts regiment of Minute Men throughout the entire Revolutionary war and was in camp at Valley Forge with Washington. His son, Moses R. Ballard, removed from Massachusetts to New York state after marrying Eliza Beecher, the second cousin of Henry Ward Beecher. He was a blacksmith and worked at his trade until crippled, when he took up the study of medicine, beginning practice in Monroe county, New York. He moved to Ohio in 1841 and a year later to Will county, Illinois, where he practiced his profession and his sons cultivated the farm. In 1857 he came to Story county and purchased land in Howard township, where he farmed and practiced medicine until his death, which oc-

curred in 1878, when he was in his seventy-seventh year. His wife died in 1880, at the age of seventy-one years. Politically he gave his support to the republican party. There were eleven children in the Ballard family: Russell W., deceased; Hudson L., now living in Missouri at the age of eighty-two years; Amos B., who enlisted from Minnesota as a soldier of the Civil war and is now deceased; Devillo P., who served as captain of Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, and is now living in Wisconsin; Mary C., who married George Smith and is now deceased; Samuel A. and Volney P., both of whom are deceased; Henry D., who served in Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, in the Civil war and is now living at Lincoln, Nebraska; Sarah E., who married H. H. Boyes, a farmer of Homer township; Martha J., now Mrs. Hiram F. Ferguson; and Ruth S., who is the wife of O. M. Robbins, a farmer of Kansas.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson: Jason D., now living upon a land claim in South Dakota, who married Angie Elder and has four children; Addie R., now the wife of E. W. Kimball, a farmer of Milford township and the mother of three children; and Mabel C., who married D. L. Sowers, also a farmer of Milford township, and is the mother of five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are valued members of the Methodist church. He is a member of Ferguson Post No. 31, G. A. R., of Nevada, and ever since he arrived at manhood has voted the republican ticket. He has not aspired to political honors but has held a number of township offices, discharging his duties in such a way as to merit the approval of all concerned. In the course of a long and active life he has performed his part in the development of the west and in establishing society on the substantial basis upon which it exists today. In the evening of his career he enjoys the confidence of a host of friends and a comfort and repose which he has fully earned.

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### ALEXANDER HENDERSON.

As mayor of Story City Alexander Henderson has proved one of the most efficient officials the municipality has ever known. He has attained an enviable reputation in this locality, being identified with one of the most prosperous concerns in the town. He was born in Hamilton county, Iowa, February 6, 1872, a son of Lars Henryson, whose twin brother, Torkel, is now living on a farm adjacent to Story City and has reached the venerable age of eighty-nine years. Lars Henryson, a native of Norway, was a carpenter and farmer by occupation. He emigrated to America in 1855 and spent ten years in Illinois, removing to a farm near Randall, Hamilton county, Iowa, in 1865. He kept a postoffice on his farm for over twenty years and was one of the leading men of the county, serving as county

supervisor and justice of the peace. He was considered a good scholar and was a surveyor of e-stablished reputation, often performing work of that kind for his neighbors. As a carpenter he assisted in erecting many of the early buildings and when living in Illinois was often called upon to make coffins for the early settlers. He passed his declining years in the town of Randall in honorable retirement, passing away in 1896, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Henryson was twice married and had eight children by his first union, three of whom died in infancy. His second wife was Sarah Michaelsdatter, who survives her husband and is now living at Randall, Iowa. She is the mother of seven children, namely: M. L., of Randall; M., superintendent of the electric light and water-works of Story City; A. M., at present postmaster at Story City; Alexander, the subject of this review; Mrs. Annie Williams, of Randall; O. J., a successful practicing attorney, of Webster City, Iowa; and Mrs. Maggie Sowers, of Story county.

Alexander Henderson received his early education in the district schools and later attended the Story City Business College and the Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa. He was early taught the importance and value of labor and received upon the home farm a good training in agriculture and stock-raising, becoming thoroughly acquainted with all the details along those lines. In the fall of 1895 he came to Story City and for two years served as bookkeeper. In 1897 he entered the furniture and embalming business, the name of the firm for the last twelve years being Jondall & Henderson. It is the only concern of the kind in Story City and has a floor space of four thousand eight hundred square feet, two floors being well packed with a carefully selected stock. Mr. Henderson is thoroughly qualified as an embalmer, receiving a diploma in 1899, and was the first person in Story City who was thoroughly prepared to apply strictly modern methods of embalming. He is also president of the Northwestern Land Company, which controls large interests in Minnesota, town property in Story City, etc. He is a stockholder of the First National bank, has also been a director of the Story City Telephone Company and for twelve years secretary of the Story City Farmers Creamery company.

On the 28th of September, 1897, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Tendeland, who was born at Marshalltown, Iowa, and reared in Story City. Three children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Lester, Grace and Beatrice.

Mr. Henderson is an active worker in the republican party and has twice been a delegate to the republican county convention. He served for six years as alderman, being chairman of the water-works committee and also active in other important capacities. In 1908 he was elected mayor of Story City and has since occupied that office. He has paid special attention to the promotion of good government, being a firm advocate of a business administration in municipal affairs, and as overseer of the poor has done much to relieve the unfortunate. He has been prominent in the promotion of good roads and the excellent condition of the roads in the vicinity of

Story City is largely due to his efforts. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, was for six years keeper of the records and seal and has passed through all the chairs of the lodge, being now past chancellor commander. He is also a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his family affiliate with St. Peter's Norwegian Lutheran church. He is a man of many genial characteristics and at the same time is a thorough business man of systematic and methodical habits, who has the ability to advance his own interests and also to add largely to the comfort and happiness of others. He is an uncompromising advocate of temperance and has successfully led in many a conflict with the forces of the opposition. Much of his success is due to his knowledge of human nature and the ability he possesses of reading aright the motives of those with whom he has come into contact. Today he clearly occupies a position as a leader in this section.

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#### THOMAS HEMSTOCK.

Among the well known and enterprising agriculturists of Story county is Thomas Hemstock, who owns one of the finest and best equipped farms in Union township. He is of English parentage and was born on the Isle of Man on the 1st of June, 1832, being a son of Thomas Hemstock. He was but six weeks old when the family sailed for America. Landing at New York, they soon removed to the interior of the Empire state, where they lived for one year, and then went to Lorain county, Ohio, but at the end of a year again moved, locating this time in Winnebago county, Illinois. Three years later Mrs. Hemstock died, when her son was only five years of age, too young to have any recollection of his mother whatever. Later the father married Miss Martha Taylor and continued to make Illinois his home until 1870, when he migrated to Iowa, settling in Union township, Story county, where he lived until his death at the age of sixty-five years.

Mr. Hemstock made his home on the farm with his father and step-mother and, being the eldest of the family, he obtained but meager education. The work of the farm was heavy and only at such times as he could be spared was he permitted to attend the brief sessions of the district school. On the 23d of March, 1852, he left home and with an ox team took the overland route to California. It was a long, hard trip but life on the frontier had inured him to hardships and privations and, nothing daunted, with light heart and bright dreams of what the west held in store for him he started. On the 3d day of the following August he drove into Placerville, Eldorado county, California, and for fourteen years he followed mining in California, Montana and Idaho, ever hoping, despite discouragements and misfortunes, to make a "find." In September, 1866, he returned to the old home in Illinois and after remaining there for a time came to Story county, Iowa, to



visit a brother. While here he bought his present home farm of one hundred and sixty-six acres, for which he paid ten dollars per acre, all of which was unbroken prairie with the exception of fifty acres.

Returning to his old home in Illinois for a time Mr. Hemstock was united in marriage on the 7th of January, 1867, to Miss Louise C. Randall who was a daughter of Ira Randall, a veteran of the Civil war, living in Wisconsin. Later Mr. Randall removed to Nebraska, where he died. Immediately after marriage the young couple returned to Iowa and located on the farm which Mr. Hemstock had purchased in the fall. They arrived in Story county on the 10th of January, 1867, and have lived here continuously ever since. Mr. Hemstock has been most successful, despite the many hardships and discouragements endured during the early days, and now owns three hundred and fifty acres of as valuable farm land as can be found in this section of the country. Thrift, tireless energy and absolute confidence in the ultimate victory has placed him among the substantial and affluent farmers in this community.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hemstock, three of whom survive: Willard P., who is a farmer of Union township, this county; Arthur V., a farmer of Grant township; and Bernie B., who at present is managing the home farm. The family always attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mrs. Hemstock holds membership. She is very active in all church work, particularly that of the Jefferson Aid Society. Mr. Hemstock always votes for the candidates of the democratic party and that he is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens is demonstrated by the fact that for many years he served as supervisor, township trustee, director of the school board and in other township offices. That he proved to be efficient in all instances is borne out by his repeated reelection. He is and has been during his forty-four years residence here one of the well known men of the community. His influence and support could always be counted upon in any measure that bid fair to benefit or improve conditions in his community.

When a very young man in Idaho territory Mr. Hemstock joined the Masonic fraternity and has ever continued a loyal member of that body, letting its basic principles mold and direct his life. At present he is identified with Nevada Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M.

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#### ANDREW MALAND.

As an educator and molder of public opinion, Andrew Maland, proprietor and editor of the Slater News, is accorded general recognition in Story county. His personal worth and his valuable services as a leader in politics received recognition by President Roosevelt, who appointed him postmaster of Slater, a position he still occupies. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he overcame every obstacle and through un-



daunted perseverance won his way to the responsible position he now occupies.

He was born in Palestine township, January 19, 1874, a son of John and Engenor Maland. The parents were both born in Norway and were married in their native country, coming to the United States in 1860. They spent one year at Morris, Illinois, and then located in Story county, Iowa. The father purchased eighty acres of land on section 36, Palestine township, on which he resided until his death in 1895. The mother is still living, having arrived at the age of seventy-five years, and makes her home in Slater.

Andrew Maland was reared under conditions that early acquainted him with hard work. He possessed limited advantages of education in the district schools but was ambitious to study the higher branches, believing that if he had a good mental training, he could better perform his part in the world. When sixteen years of age he was in attendance at the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, working for his board and in various ways earning money to pay his expenses. That he succeeded is shown by the fact of his coming home after the first term with fifteen dollars in his pocket. He also attended Highland Park College and at nineteen years of age began teaching at Renwick, where he continued for two years, then going to Humboldt, where he taught for one year and from that place to Huxley, teaching for three years in that vicinity. He completed his training at the State Normal School in 1899, but, having come to the conclusion that the remuneration for educational work was too small, he gave up teaching. Going to Slater, he formed a partnership with O. J. Viland and purchased the furniture business of Halverson Brothers, the new firm being known as Maland & Viland. In 1902 they purchased the Slater News, a weekly newspaper, and Mr. Maland continued its publication under the same title, also remaining in the furniture business. In 1906 he was appointed postmaster of Slater, and the printing plant and postoffice demanding his entire time, he and Mr. Viland mutually agreed to sever their business relations, Mr. Viland taking the furniture store and Mr. Maland the printing plant, of which he has since had entire charge. He has also been successfully identified with other business enterprises, being secretary and manager of the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery Company for five years, carrying the concern through its early struggles and placing it on a substantial basis.

On the 10th of October, 1900, Mr. Maland was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Wald, a sister of S. O. Wald, an attorney of Slater, and previous to her marriage a popular teacher of that vicinity. Two children blessed this union, Ella B. and Obert J. Mrs. Maland was called from earthly scenes on the 10th of January, 1909. She was a woman of many estimable qualities and her death was the severest loss Mr. Maland has ever known.

Politically he has from the time of casting his first ballot been in thorough sympathy with the republican party. Since the age of fifteen years

he has been connected with public office, having served as township committeeman, member of the school board, member of the town council and in other capacities. He has been a prominent factor in local politics and in 1910 was campaign manager, succeeding in nominating M. S. Helland as a member of the legislature. He is a leader in every movement pertaining to the welfare of Slater and vicinity, going to the extent of guaranteeing payment for good public entertainments for the town. Fraternally he is identified with Slater Lodge, No. 384, I. O. O. F., and in religious affairs he gives his allegiance to the Lutheran church, for four years serving as superintendent of the Sunday school and leader in the choir. He was the organizer of the Central Luther League and its secretary for several years, from which was developed the Luther League of Iowa, one of the most important movements in the Lutheran church in this part of the country during recent years.

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#### CHARLES H. HALL.

Among the young men engaged in the active practice of law in Story county is Charles H. Hall, of Nevada, who is now fairly launched in the second year of his professional career. He was born in Peoria, Iowa, October 25, 1880, a son of James M. and Mary Jane (Bell) Hall. The father was born in Indiana and has been identified with the mercantile business ever since reaching manhood. He is now living at Collins, Iowa, and is fifty-six years of age. Aside from his business his attention for many years has been given to the church and Sunday school. He is a staunch worker in the Methodist denomination and has been superintendent of a Sunday school for twenty years past. Politically he is identified with the republican party and fraternally with the Masonic order. He is a man of good business qualifications, unsullied character and the possessor of those attributes which are most essential in progressive citizenship. The mother of our subject was born at Valparaiso, Indiana, and is also an active member of the Methodist church. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, namely: Clara, who married H. C. Denniston, a farmer, now living near Collins; Charles H., our subject; Grace, now Mrs. O. G. Smith, of Nevada; Milo, a shoe salesman of Des Moines, Iowa; and Jennie, at home.

Charles H. Hall was reared in a peaceful home and even as a boy gave indications of a studious and thoughtful disposition which pointed to a professional career. He attended the public schools of Collins, graduating from the high school in the class of 1899, being then nineteen years of age. In 1902 he entered mercantile business at Colo, Story county, in which he continued for four years, at the end of which time he matriculated in the law department of Drake University, graduating therefrom with the degree

of L.L.B. in June, 1900. In July following he began practice at Nevada, where he has since remained, meeting with a success that has been highly gratifying.

On January 1, 1902, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Addie May Triplett, who was born in Elkins, West Virginia, in June, 1880, a daughter of Hickman and Martha (Chenoweth) Triplett. Mr. Triplett is one of the prominent farmers of his state. One child, Oscar Leland, born July 31, 1910, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Mr. Hall has won the position of responsibility and respect which he holds in the community by earnest, conscientious and well directed effort and as he possesses the requisites of education and natural ability, there is no doubt in the minds of his friends that he will be able to meet their expectations in the years to come. He has gained a fair share of patronage and as time progresses it is steadily increasing, his patrons being among the best class of citizens in the city and county. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church and liberal contributors toward its support. He is a member of the Story County Bar Association and has many friends in that well established organization. He is also identified with Columbia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Colo, and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Since arriving at voting age he has cast his ballot in behalf of the republican party and although he has not sought public office his efforts have been freely expended in support of candidates and principles that he believes to be essential to the permanent prosperity of the state and nation.

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### W. T. B. SHENKLE.

Some men have several talents and appear to be almost equally at home in whatever they undertake. To this class belongs W. T. B. Shenkle, who for ten years past has been engaged in the real-estate business at Collins. Reared as a farmer, he devoted a number of years to agriculture and then engaged in mercantile business, finally selecting his present occupation as the one that most appealed to his judgment. He deals largely in farm lands and has met with a goodly measure of success.

He was born in Collins township, July 7, 1858, son of Benjamin and Edith (Day) Shenkle. They were both natives of Brown county, Ohio, and removed with their respective parents to Marion county, Indiana, where they grew to maturity and were married. In 1850 the Shenkle family, with that of William Fertig, started westward, their destination being Fort Scott, Kansas. They journeyed by water down the Ohio river, then up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Missouri, thence to Kansas City. On reaching the latter point they heard much talk of troubles in Kansas on account of the slavery question and they decided to seek a more peaceable region.

Being very favorably impressed with what they had heard concerning this section of Iowa, Mr. Shenkle outfitted with a team of horses and a wagon and his friend purchased an ox team and wagon as their means of transportation to their new home. On the 2d day of May they arrived at Edenville, now Rhodes, Marshall county, Iowa, where they remained for a time. Mr. Shenkle visited Story county and being very much pleased with the appearance of the country, purchased a tract of raw prairie land which he broke, also erecting a log cabin to which he removed his family in the fall of 1856. His farm consisted of two hundred acres, of which eighty acres was timber and was considered a choice piece of land on account of the timber, but the price which he paid—five dollars an acre—was thought by settlers to be highly exorbitant. The same land would now readily bring one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. The first election for the organization of the township was held at Mr. Shenkle's home, and as the country was quite thinly inhabited, there were only five votes cast at this time. The township was named Collins in honor of a township in New York state, from which one of the nearest neighbors of Mr. Shenkle came. Mr. Shenkle was active in the councils of the democratic party and was first clerk of the township, holding that position until his death, which occurred in 1865. Mrs. Shenkle continued on the home farm until after her children were grown up, and then she made her home with the subject of this review, being called to her reward May 3, 1898, at the age of eighty-three years.

W. T. B. Shenkle was reared under the healthful conditions of a country home and acquired his early education in the common schools. At twelve years of age he was placed in charge of the home farm, his older brothers having gone out into the world, and when he reached his eighteenth year he began operating rented land on his own account. After his marriage he removed to a farm of eighty acres, which he had purchased a year previously, located two and one-half miles east of Collins. He continued upon that place for ten years and then removed to Collins, where in 1898 he was placed in charge of a hardware business, which he managed successfully for one year. In 1899 he went to Churdan, Greene county, Iowa, and was identified with the hardware business there, in partnership with a brother-in-law, the title of the firm being Tipton & Shenkle. After eighteen months' experience they closed out the business and Mr. Shenkle returned to Collins and opened a real-estate office. He has since been interested in farm lands and has found the business so congenial to his taste that it is probable he will so continue for a number of years to come.

In 1887 Mr. Shenkle was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Tipton, of Collins township, a daughter of Leonard and Isadora (Eatherton) Tipton, natives of Ohio. They came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1851, and located in Story county in 1877. The mother passed away February 4, 1904, and the father is now making his home with his daughter at Collins. One child, Eva, who died in infancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Shenkle.



Mr. Shenkle has spent over fifty years in the part of the state where he now lives and few men are better acquainted with its resources. He early became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits and as a business man has shown a discrimination and sound judgment that have added greatly to his reputation, so that today he is one of the best known real-estate men in this section. He is a member of Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M.; Amity Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F.; and the Mystic Workers of the World, and he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star and the United Brethren church. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the republican party, and although he has never sought political office he has been active in assisting many of his friends who have done so.

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### GEORGE HYDEN.

One of the successful agriculturists and extensive landowners of Story county was George Hyden of Richland township, who passed away February 23, 1911, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was born in Staffordshire, England, on the 12th of May, 1828, and was a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Nokes) Hyden, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country, the father living to the advanced age of one hundred and two and one-half years. Four children constituted the family, all of whom have now passed away.

Mr. Hyden spent the first twenty-three years of his life in the mother country and then in 1851 decided to become a citizen of the United States, believing that this country afforded better opportunities for ambitious young men. Crossing the Atlantic he landed at New York city and made his way to Fredonia, New York, where he hired out by the year for three and one-half years and then again started westward, settling at Rock Island, Illinois. He remained there only about six months, however, and in the spring of 1855 arrived in Story county. After working out for eleven months he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 22, Richland township, which was unbroken and unimproved prairie. He began to cultivate the soil, adding such improvements as he could from time to time and in 1857 he erected the house in which he continued to live throughout life. Mr. Hyden was successful in his vocation, his good management and tireless energy being rewarded by the means which enabled him to later add two hundred acres to his realty holdings, but this he subsequently sold to his son-in-law. He then owned, in addition to his homestead, eighty acres on section 27, Richland township, and one-half section in Texas.

Mr. Hyden was wedded to Miss Louisa Pool, a daughter of John and Ann Pool. She died in 1891. Of this union there were seven children born, two of whom are still living. Corilla is the wife of Clark Apple and



the mother of five children. Rose is the wife of J. C. Hilburn, who was born in Spencer, Owen county, Indiana, and is a son of J. C. and Bridget Hilburn. His parents were both dead ere he left home, and before coming to Iowa he spent some time in Kansas and Nebraska. He has been a resident of Story county about twenty years. He purchased land in Richland township, which he subsequently sold and then bought the farm which he now occupies from his father-in-law. He is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community and is held in high regard wherever known. To Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn have been born the following children: Willis, George Howard, Blanch, Beulah, Clarence and Walter.

After he acquired the rights of full citizenship through naturalization Mr. Hyden cast his vote with the republican party. The esteem in which he was held was indicated by his election to many of the township offices, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of the community. He was one of the most respected and substantial farmers of his section and during his residence here won many friends, whose esteem and goodwill he always retained.

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### FRED HOLTBY.

That the United States affords the possibilities which warrant the ambitious young man or woman in aspiring to almost any goal with full confidence of attaining it is universally conceded and to such men as Fred Holtby it has ever proven not only the land of promise but of fulfillment. Mr. Holtby was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 10th of March, 1865, a son of Stephen and Ana (Holtby) Holtby, also natives of Yorkshire, where they lived and died. The father was a farmer by occupation.

Our subject was reared on the home farm, acquiring his preliminary education in the village school and later being sent to a boarding school for a more advanced course, as is the custom in that country. On attaining his majority he decided that conditions in the United States offered better opportunities to ambitious young men than those of conservative England. He, therefore, set sail for America, landing in New York with twelve dollars in his pocket. Undaunted, however, he made his way west and located in Morgan county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand. He remained there for six years, carefully laying aside a portion of his meager wage each month in order that he, too, might become a landowner. In June, 1892, he again set his face toward the west, Iowa being his destination this time. He stopped in Story county for a short time and then rented a farm just over the line in Jasper county, about five miles south of Collins, where he began farming for himself. After six years of economy, good management and unremitting toil he had secured sufficient means to enable him to make a start for himself, so he purchased a small farm in Jasper county.

Three years more of thrift, hard work and good judgment in the management of his affairs enabled him to buy a farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres in Story county, three miles east of Collins; here he resided for nine years, and then, in the spring of 1909, he sold his place and bought his present home farm of one hundred and ten acres in Indian Creek township. For the past twelve years Mr. Holtby has made a specialty of breeding and raising registered Shire horses. He has been most successful in this, being known throughout this section of the state not only for the excellent breeds he carries but for his ability in judging the good points of a horse. He began exhibiting his stock at the local fairs in 1896 and since then has taken many first premiums.

On the 16th of February, 1892, Mr. Holtby was united in marriage to Miss Ada M. Thursby, a native of Morgan county, Illinois, and a daughter of Charles and Ann (Smith) Thursby, both natives of England. They came to the United States in 1855, first locating in Stark county, Illinois, but later removing to Morgan county. Three children have been born of this union: Orlando O., now attending the Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines; Hazel and Ana.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the parents are members. Mr. Holtby's fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. After he had become a naturalized citizen of the United States he decided that the policy of the republican party best conformed to his ideas and has therefore always cast his vote for the candidates of that party. That he has ever proved a capable and loyal citizen is confirmed by the fact that for several years he has been elected to various township offices. He is known throughout the community where he makes his home as one of the thoroughly reliable and capable men of the county and is highly regarded by all.

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#### WILLIAM BURNLEY.

Of the many agencies that have contributed to the remarkable growth of Iowa, none have been more important than the country press. Its editors are in many instances men of liberal education and good business capacity, and no class of men has been more faithful in the discharge of responsibilities or more loyal to the people it represents. William Burney, editor and proprietor of the Collins Gazette, clearly belongs to the highly capable newspaper men of Iowa. He was born in the north of Ireland, July 14, 1850, near the city of Portadown, a son of James and Ann (Odgers) Burney, also natives of County Armagh. The father was reared on a farm but after reaching maturity learned the boilermaker's trade and in later years was employed in shipbuilding on the west coast of Scotland, to

which section he removed with his family before his son William was one year old.

William Burney received his preliminary education in the public schools of Partick and later attended the Mechanics Institute and the Athenaeum of Glasgow, showing a mental capacity that gave bright promise as to his future. When a young man he made musical theory and research a special study and was granted membership in and was given an advanced certificate from the Tonic-Sol-Fa College of London, England. He was also attracted to mercantile pursuits and engaged as a commercial salesman, traveling considerably in Great Britain. During these years he was correspondent for various publications. In 1885 he came to central Iowa to visit relatives living near Newton and very soon after arriving in this state was invited by Perry Engle, owner of the Newton Herald, to become identified with that paper. Mr. Engle was soon after this a candidate for state senator and after his election to that position Mr. Burney became part owner of the paper and its managing editor, soon gaining a prominent position in the political affairs of that section. After an experience of ten years with the Herald he for one year had charge of the Newton Times, whose owner, Mr. Sherman, was then serving as postmaster under President Cleveland. In May, 1896, Mr. Burney came to Collins and purchased the Collins Clipper, which he published under the same title until after acquiring in September, 1905, The Liberator, also issued at Collins. He consolidated the two papers, changing the name to the Collins Gazette, now one of the leading local publications in this part of the state.

In August, 1876, Mr. Burney was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hamilton Gibson, of Glasgow, Scotland, who passed away, and on October 7, 1884, he was married to Miss Jane Elizabeth Finch, the ceremony taking place at Drumbanagher Episcopal church, County Armagh, Ireland. Of this union five children have been born, namely: Mary Florence, now the wife of L. H. Ozias, superintendent of schools at Dysart, Iowa; Anne Lena, the wife of Arthur A. Vasey, a lumberman of Collins; Alice Widell, a primary teacher at Des Moines, Iowa; Elizabeth Finch, a teacher of voice at the Teachers College of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and William James, now a student in the Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

Politically Mr. Burney gives his support to the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to secure the prosperity of the nation. He is a member of Sunbeam Lodge, No. 181, Mystic Workers of the World, and has served as secretary of this organization since 1898, also being a demitted member of St. Barchan Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Renfrewshire, Scotland. He and his wife are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he serves as trustee. He is a clear and interesting writer and his paper has a high standing in a state that abounds in good newspapers, its editors ranking among the most intelligent men of Iowa. The Collins Gazette has a large circle of readers, its influence in a great degree being due to the conscientious position which the paper takes

in matters of vital interest to the locality. Mr. Burney, judging by what he has accomplished, made no mistake in selecting Iowa as his adopted state, and it is doubtful whether a more patriotic citizen is to be found within its borders than the gentleman whose sketch is here given.

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### B. C. DUELAND.

Few men deserve the credit that belongs to B. C. Dueland, now in the milling business at Slater, who from a water boy on a railroad has become one of the substantial business men of Story county. His career is a practical demonstration of what may be accomplished by one who is actuated by right principles and who bravely faces every difficulty, being fully determined that it must give way. He is a native of Norway, born August 25, 1866, and is a son of Christ C. and Mary Dueland. The family left that country for America in 1882, coming direct to Iowa and locating in Sheldahl. The father is by trade a painter but for sometime after arriving in this country he worked on the railroad or at any honorable labor he could find to do. Finally he secured employment at his trade. He is still living and makes his home with the subject of this review.

B. C. Dueland was educated in his native country, receiving advantage of only two or three months attendance in American schools after arriving in Iowa. It was necessary for him to assist in the maintenance of the family and at sixteen years of age he was employed as a farm hand by T. T. Ryan, of Palestine township. The following summer he secured a position as water boy for a railway construction gang and for four years followed this work and also engaged as a farm hand. In 1888, having decided to learn a trade, he became an apprentice in the grist-mill at Sheldahl, in which he spent three and one-half years, becoming thoroughly acquainted with the trade. In 1891 he formed a partnership with John Nielson and rented the mill from his former employer, operating it under the firm name of Nielson & Dueland. In the fall of 1894 they purchased a two-thirds interest in the mill at Slater and seven months later acquired the remaining interest, becoming sole owners. The mill up to this time had produced nothing but feed, and desiring to meet the demands of a growing community, the partners enlarged the building and put in a modern roller process, thus making the mill one of the leading business enterprises of that section. However, in April, 1910, the town was visited by a conflagration, which destroyed the mill, the depot and two freight houses. Messrs. Nielson and Dueland were not to be easily discouraged, and they immediately purchased the elevator building of Oley Nelson, in which they made many alterations, fitting the structure with mill machinery and entering upon a new era of prosperity. In connection with their milling business they deal extensively in coal and feed and are now enjoying the largest patronage they have ever known.



On the 13th of November, 1896, Mr. Dueland was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sydnes, of Huxley township, a daughter of R. T. Sydnes, a prominent farmer now living retired at Huxley. Five children have blessed this union: Lillian, Raymond, Myrtle, Glendora and Carl.

Politically Mr. Dueland gives his support to the prohibitionist party. He is a valued member of the school board of Slater and for several years has served as judge of election. He and his wife are identified with the Lincoln Lutheran church and for eleven years he has been a member of the board of trustees of that organization. Having worked his way through many obstacles, Mr. Dueland, as shown in this brief sketch, is not an individual that becomes easily cast down. He has been successful in business, gaining the confidence of the community by his straightforward dealings and a spirit of helpfulness to others, which is one of his prominent characteristics. His friends are many and under all conditions it is recognized that his word is as good as his bond.

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#### MAURITS MALMIN.

Among the children of Scandinavia who have become subjects of Uncle Sam and citizens of Story county must be included Maurits Malmin, who was born in Norway on the 15th of September, 1846. He acquired his education in his native land and when he had reached the required age entered the Norwegian army, spending five years of his early manhood in the service of his country. He became an expert shot and two of his most prized possessions now are medals he won because of his ability in this direction.

Mr. Malmin became a resident of Story county in 1881, engaging in farm work by the month for the first two years and then by the day for a year thereafter. At the end of that period he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to begin the cultivation of land as a renter. After following this for eight years, by means of close application, unceasing energy and careful management he had accumulated the requisite savings to permit him to become a property owner and bought the first one hundred and sixty acres of his present homestead. He established his residence here in 1893 and has added to his holdings from time to time until he now has the title to three hundred and twenty acres, owning one of the most valuable farms in the township. It is well stocked, the improvements are good and always in repair, while its carefully cultivated fields yield abundant and profitable harvests. His specialty is the feeding and raising of cattle and hogs, and he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company as well as the creamery.

Mr. Malmin completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Karen Hoverson Lura, a daughter of Hoverson Lura. Nine



children have been born of this union, they are as follows: Carrie, who became the wife of Ole Hougén; Harry; Bertha, deceased; Gerhard; Adolph; Martin; Bertha, now the wife of Ole V. Oleson; Clara, at home; and Laura Matilda, the wife of Thomas Grimsley.

The family attend the Lutheran church, in which the parents hold membership. Ever since he has acquired the right of suffrage through naturalization, Mr. Malmin has cast his vote for the republican party, feeling that its policy is best adapted to serve the interests of the majority. His fellow citizens have honored him by election to the office of road supervisor, in which capacity he is now serving his eighth year. He is one of the esteemed citizens of Warren township and is highly regarded by the community in which he resides.

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### FRANK S. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Frank S. Smith, practicing in Nevada, is recognized as one of the most capable and successful members of the medical profession in Story county. He was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1853. His father, William Smith, was born in Chautauqua, New York, January 18, 1820, and was a son of the Rev. Salmeron Smith, of Massachusetts. The latter married a Miss Avery, who was a descendant of Governor Dudley of Massachusetts. After arriving at years of maturity William Smith was united in marriage to Cynthia Smith, who was born near Lachine Rapids on the St. Lawrence in Canada on the 20th of May, 1820, and though of the same name was not a relative of her husband. Her father, Francis Smith, was born and reared in Ireland. The marriage of William and Cynthia Smith was celebrated in Venango county, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1848, and while living in the Keystone state the father was owner of a tract of land near Oil Creek, Pennsylvania. A few years after he sold that property and came west, petroleum was found there, and it is said that more millions of dollars were taken from that farm through the development of the oil wells than from any other piece of land in the world. Two cousins of Dr. Smith are now pumping oil from the wells there, as their father did before them, and wells and derricks cover the ground until it looks like a harbor with the masts of many sailing vessels placed as close together as possible. It was in the year 1855 that William Smith left Pennsylvania with his family. He lived for brief periods in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin and in 1860 became a resident of Andalusia, Rock Island county, Illinois, making his way down the Mississippi river on a lumber raft. William Smith was engaged in the lumber business continuously from his seventeenth year until his death at the age of sixty-eight with the exception of about three years spent on the farm on which his son Dr. Smith was born, and even during that time he engaged



DR. FRANK S. SMITH



in the lumber business for a part of the year on the Allegheny river. He conducted a large retail lumberyard at Andalusia, Illinois, from 1860 until 1883, when he removed to Toledo, Iowa, where he continued in the same line until the time when death claimed him on the 30th of May, 1894. He was a member of the United Brethren church and was a stalwart republican throughout his entire life. A strong, rugged man both mentally and physically, he proved himself an important factor in the public life and the affairs of the communities in which he lived. His wife, a woman of strong personality, had but meager educational advantages in her girlhood but was determined that all of her children should be well educated and bent every energy toward accomplishing this purpose, so that all are now college graduates. They owe much to their mother for what she did for them and they sacredly cherish her memory. She survived her husband for a few years and passed away October 21, 1900.

In their family were six children. The eldest, Dr. E. R. Smith, now of Toledo, Iowa, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1851. Dr. Smith, of this review, is the second of the family. Lucy, the third child, died in infancy. Walter C. was born in Jackson county, Wisconsin, April 5, 1857, and is now residing in Toledo, Iowa. Nellie May, born at Pine Hill, Wisconsin, April 13, 1865, is the wife of O. O. Runkle, of Tiffin, Ohio. William Avery, born in Andalusia, Illinois, November 19, 1870, is a lawyer practicing at Nashua, Iowa.

Dr. Smith, of Nevada, acquired his early education in the public schools of Andalusia, a beautiful little town twelve miles below Rock Island on the Mississippi river. He afterward had two years of college work at Westfield College in Westfield, Illinois, from 1870 until 1872, and spent the school year of 1874-5 in the State University of Iowa but completed his course in the Western College of Iowa, now the Leander Clark College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in 1876. In the meantime he had taught several terms of school in Rock Island county and following his graduation he became principal of the South Moline public schools, remaining in that position for nearly four years. During that period he devoted his leisure hours to studying medicine at home under the direction of his brother, Dr. E. R. Smith. In the fall of 1880 he matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, where he pursued a thorough course, with an extra course in the summer of 1881, and was graduated with the professional degree on the 21st of February, 1882.

In the meantime Dr. Smith had been married and lost his first wife. On Christmas day of 1878 he wedded Miss Etta Dilling, who had been his classmate in Western College and was an Iowa girl. They resided in Moline until the death of Mrs. Smith on the 16th of March, 1880. An infant daughter survived, Etta Maude, who was born February 22, 1880, and was reared by Dr. Smith's parents.

Following his graduation from medical college Dr. Smith located in Tama county, Iowa, where he spent the summer of 1882 in practice with

his brother, Dr. E. R. Smith, of Toledo. In the fall of that year he opened an office in Elberon, Tama county, and soon won gratifying professional recognition. On the 30th of September of that year he was married in Rock Island, Illinois, to Miss Ella Wells, a childhood playmate, and there their son, Roy Wells Smith, was born December 13, 1883. They resided at Elberon until March 4, 1885, when they removed to Nevada, where Dr. Smith has continuously engaged in practice to the present time with the exception of eleven months spent in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1889 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his second wife, who died in Nevada on the 20th of February of that year, leaving three small children, Roy W., Alta and Olga. On the 1st of July, 1890, he married Mrs. Amanda S. Philp, of Rock Island, Illinois, a sister of his second wife, and they have two children, Ella and Donald W. The Doctor's eldest daughter, Etta Maude, who was born in Moline, Illinois, February 22, 1880, is now Mrs. J. K. Weaver, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Roy Wells, born in Elberon, Iowa, December 13, 1883, is a graduate of the Nevada public schools. He is now married and at the present writing is studying medicine in Drake University at Des Moines. Alta, born in Nevada, July 13, 1885, is at home. Olga, born in Nevada, February 3, 1888, is engaged in teaching school. Both she and her sister Alta are graduates of the high school and pursued a four years' course in Leander Clark College of Toledo, Iowa, being graduated therefrom in June, 1909, with the Bachelor of Science degree. Both now have state certificates. Ella Smith, the youngest daughter, born in Nevada, November 14, 1891, was graduated from the high school in 1911. Donald W., born in Nevada, May 27, 1899, is attending the home school.

Throughout the period of his residence in Nevada Dr. Smith has continuously engaged in practice and his ability has won him wide recognition. That his work has gained him more than local distinction is indicated by the fact that his alma mater in 1908 conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. For many years a liberal practice has been accorded him and he is today the loved family physician in many Nevada households, where his cheery presence inspires confidence. He has done post-graduate work in the Chicago Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital and in the Chicago Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital, and at all times he keeps in close touch with the advancement of the profession through wide reading and research. Moreover, he is known in business circles as one of the organizers and stockholders of the People's Savings Bank of Nevada, of which he is now vice president, and he likewise aided in organizing the Nevada Gas Company and the Story County Independent Telephone Company, in each of which he is a director.

Dr. Smith holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and also with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In his political views he is a republican but has never sought nor desired public office and has no ambition in that direction. He has served, however, as school director and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. He



belongs to the Iowa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and in strictly professional lines is connected with the Story County Medical Society, the District Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He thus keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and is continuously promoting his knowledge through reading and investigation. Anything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life is of interest to him and he performs all professional service with a sense of conscientious obligation and with close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics so that he enjoys in large measure the confidence and high regard of his brethren of the medical fraternity.

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### AMI JEFFERSON PEDDICORD.

One of the prosperous farmers and extensive land owners of Story county is Ami Jefferson Peddicord, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 27th of January, 1860. He is a son of Edward Smith Peddicord, a native of Virginia, who at the age of four and one-half years walked from that state to Licking county, Ohio. He remained there until a young man and then went to La Salle county, Illinois, where he lived up to the time of his death. He was a successful man, accumulating, by means of his thrift and discretion, one thousand acres of land. He was a man of fine principles and strict integrity, his word being as good as his bond. He married Elizabeth Johnson, a native of Licking county, Ohio, whose parents were Virginians and pioneers of Ohio. Nine children were born of this union, eight of whom lived to maturity and four of these still survive, our subject being the eighth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Peddicord were members of the Baptist church and he always voted the democratic ticket.

A. J. Peddicord's early years were spent very similarly to those of the majority of boys who are reared in the rural districts. He acquired his early education in the district schools of La Salle county, Illinois, and at the usual age put aside his text-books and assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. After reaching the age of twenty-two years he hired out by the month for three years, at the end of which time he was married. Subsequent to his marriage he located upon a farm belonging to his wife, and the next year he bought forty acres but after farming this for a time he moved south of Pontiac, Illinois. Subsequently he sold his place there and engaged in the tile business, which vocation he followed for two years. He then returned to the place of his birth in La Salle county and conducted the home farm. Later he removed to Story county, Iowa, locating on section 14, Richland township. He still continues to reside there and now owns one-half of the section. His is one of the valuable farms of the district. It is well stocked, contains a good farm house and other improve-

ments, all of which are kept in the best of repair, and the well tilled fields each year yield abundant harvests. In addition to his homestead Mr. Peddicord owns one hundred and sixty acres in McCook county, South Dakota, and one-half section in Texas, making the aggregate of his realty holdings eight hundred acres.

Mr. Peddicord was united in marriage to Miss Maggie McMichael, a daughter of James McMichael, a Scotelman and pioneer of Illinois. Four children were born of this marriage, who are as follows: James A., who died at the age of four years; Roy; Margaret; and Isabelle.

Ever since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage Mr. Peddicord has cast his vote for the democratic party. He has never been particularly active in politics, however, not aspiring to public honors, but has, owing to his warm interest in educational matters, served on the school board. He is known as one of the substantial citizens of the county, his early endeavors and industry having been rewarded by a gratifying success, the achievement of which has never caused any one to question his methods or integrity.

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### THOMAS J. LOUGHRAN.

By natural talents and education Thomas J. Loughran, of Ames, was adapted for a mercantile career and he early became identified with the drug business, in which he has attained a gratifying measure of success. He was born at Des Moines, Iowa, April 30, 1809, and removed in 1885 to Ames with his parents, Edmund and Sarah A. Loughran, both of whom are now residents of that city. The father was born in County Armagh, Ireland, June 30, 1832, and came to the United States when fifteen years of age. After spending a few months in Hampshire county, Virginia, now West Virginia, he went to Wheeling and engaged in the machinery business until 1855. He then went to New York city and accepted a position with Cox, Richardson & Boynton, stove manufacturers of Westchester county, New York. In 1857 he came to Des Moines, Iowa, where he engaged in the manufacturing business. On the 2d of January, 1864, in response to a call for troops to assist in bringing the rebellion to an end, he enlisted in the First Iowa Battery and participated in the battles of Atlanta and Resaca and in other important engagements. On the 5th of July, 1865, he was honorably discharged and mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, after which he reentered the manufacturing business. In 1874 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jasper county, Iowa, which he cultivated for ten years, and then came to Ames, buying the farm implement business of Shields & Cook, of which he was at the head for eighteen years. He has lived retired since 1902.

On the 6th of February, 1854, Edmund Loughran was married to Miss Sarah A. Bryer, and nine children were born of this union, namely: John

B., now living at Scott, Kansas; Sarah, who married W. H. Wintersteen and lives at Hartford, South Dakota; Edmund James, of Madison county, Iowa; one who died in infancy; Stephen L., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Thomas J., the subject of this review; Jennie E., the wife of F. M. Coulter, of Ames; William B., who died at the age of thirty-six years; and Mary B., now living at Los Angeles, California. Mr. Loughran and his wife are members of the First United Presbyterian church of Des Moines, while politically he gives his support to the republican party. He is a member of Ellsworth Post, No. 30, G. A. R., of Ames, and is one of the highly honored citizens of this city.

Thomas J. Loughran received his education in the public schools of Ames and Des Moines and pursued the pharmaceutical course at Highland Park College of Des Moines. He has been connected with the drug business in Ames since 1886 and is now a member of the firm of Loughran & Bauer, one of the leading drug firms in the city. By close and conscientious attention to his vocation he has built up an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and representative men of the community.

On the 2d of February, 1895, Mr. Loughran was united in marriage at Shannon, Illinois, to Miss Kathryn Sherwood, and two children have blessed this union, Ella Georganna and Harold Sherwood.

Politically Mr. Loughran supports the candidates and principles of the republican party, and his religious views are indicated by membership in the United Presbyterian church. He became a member of the First church at Des Moines in 1892 while attending college. A gentleman of pleasing address and attractive personality, he possesses business energy and judgment that have materially assisted him in the accomplishment of a noble ambition. He and his wife have a wide acquaintance and are held in high regard by a large circle of friends wherever they are known.

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### JAMES E. HULL.

The name of James E. Hull is well known to cattlemen and farmers in this section of the state as he has been exhibiting his stock at the local fairs for more than ten years. He is the son of James E. and Julia L. (Addis) Hull and was born in the capital city of this state on the 20th of December, 1865. His father was a native of the Empire state and his mother of Indiana, but they were married in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 15th of May, 1860, his mother having come to Iowa with her parents, who were among the early settlers of Des Moines. Mr. Hull, who was a lawyer and a civil engineer, went there with a government surveying party and later opened an office and began the practice of law. He served one term as city clerk, having been elected on the democratic ticket, and later ran for mayor on the same ticket but the election was carried by a large republican plurality.

He was an able counselor and his skill in the handling of intricate legal problems, together with his fine personal qualities, brought him to the fore and at the time of his death in 1870, at the age of forty-three years, he was considered one of the prominent citizens of Des Moines. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity. After her husband's death Mrs. Hull became the wife of the Hon. W. K. Wood, then a member of the state legislature, with whom she lived until she too passed away.

At the time of his father's death James E. Hull was only a child and was reared to manhood by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Abraham Boys, which was her name by her second marriage. He was educated in the public schools of Des Moines, graduating from the high school with the class of 1882, being sixteen years of age and having the distinction of being the youngest student, at that time, ever to have graduated from that school. He decided that the printer's trade had more attractions for him than any other and after serving the usual apprenticeship he followed that vocation for twelve years, during which time he worked in almost every state in the Union. Being temperate in his habits he was able to save sufficient out of his salary to enable him, after working for a few weeks or months, to go elsewhere, and while such a method is not advisable if one wishes to accumulate wealth, he has found that the knowledge thus gleaned is such as cannot be obtained in any educational institution, while the experience has proven of inestimable value. He worked for almost a year at one time on the Nevada democratic paper, *The Watchman*, which has since gone out of existence. While in Livingstone, Montana, he formed a partnership with a banker by the name of Stebbins, who later became a state senator, in the conduct of a local paper. Mr. Stebbins, not wishing his name to be in any way connected with the venture, was always a silent partner, Mr. Hull having the entire charge and management and being supposedly the owner of the paper. He placed the business on a solid foundation and was making money when he developed lead poison and was forced to give up the trade entirely.

Returning to Iowa Mr. Hull located in Story county where he engaged in farming as a renter, and after two years he began the breeding of Poland China hogs, which venture proving most lucrative he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 21, Indian Creek township, where he continues to reside. He had been breeding registered hogs for five years when he moved to his present location but it was not until the following year that he began raising thoroughbred registered shorthorn cattle. He has been most successful in both of these lines and has achieved quite a reputation as a stockman in this section of the state as he has been exhibiting at the various county fairs for years and has taken more first premiums than any other one exhibitor.

Mr. Hull was united in marriage in 1893 to Miss Mary M. Boster, a daughter of Stephen T. and Sarah (Ingraham) Boster, of Nevada, who came to Story county from Wapello county, Iowa, in 1878. They are both



natives of this state, the father having been born in Lee county and the mother in Wapello county. Mr. Boster has now passed away but his wife is still living and makes her home in Indian Creek township with one of her daughters. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hull: Marie, Marion and Leslie.

They attend the Methodist Episcopal church, where the parents hold membership and of which Mr. Hull is one of the trustees. Although he has never taken an active interest in politics he goes to the polls on election day and casts his vote for the republican candidates, for he feels that the basic principles of that party are best adapted to the requirements of the people. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hull are highly esteemed and popular in the community where they live and he is one of the substantial farmers and cattlemen of the locality.

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### ELLSWORTH DOWNING.

Ellsworth Downing, who is the owner of a well conducted farm of two hundred acres in Collins township and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Story county, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, October 8, 1864. He is a son of George and Lavina (Van Buskirk) Downing, the former of whom was born in Pike county, Ohio, February 11, 1819. Mrs. Downing was also a native of the Buckeye state and was born January 1, 1831. The father successfully engaged in farming in Ohio, but believing that more favorable opportunities were to be found in the west, he made a trip of inspection to Story county, Iowa, and traded his Ohio farm for a place of two hundred acres in Collins township. Returning to Ohio, he came west with his family in 1872, driving across the country with two covered wagons. He resided on a farm in Collins township until his children were all grown and married, subsequently taking up his home with the subject of this review, with whom he continued to live for ten years. He passed away September 6, 1904, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. His wife died in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1870. Mr. Downing was a staunch advocate of the republican party and was quite prominent as a political speaker in Story county, also filling various public offices in his township. He served as justice of the peace in Ohio and also in Iowa and was a man of considerable influence wherever he was known. He was not identified with any religious body but was a valued member of the Masonic order.

At eight years of age Ellsworth Downing came to Story county with his father, growing up under the influences of the home that prepared him well for the struggle of life. He was educated in the district schools and at the age of eighteen years, while assisting his father upon the home farm, also engaged modestly, as opportunity permitted, in farming on his own



account. At twenty-six years of age he was married and located upon the farm where he now lives. This place comprises forty acres but he also owns one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead, thus being the possessor of some of the most desirable properties in the township. He makes a specialty of cattle feeding, in which he has been very successful.

On the 25th of March, 1890, Mr. Downing was united in marriage to Miss Laura Brown, a daughter of Levi Brown, who came to Story county from Fulton county, Illinois, about 1864 and settled in Collins township. He passed away in 1903 after a long and honorable career. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Downing: Crescy E., a graduate of the Collins high school and now a popular district school teacher; Ethel G., who is attending high school; Lea G., also a student in the high school; George L., who is attending the district school; and Esther B., at home.

Mr. Downing is a strong friend of education and as an active, progressive member of the community is always ready to assist in any worthy movement aiming to promote the general welfare. He has from his boyhood been industrious and enterprising and now enjoys the results of his self-denial in earlier years. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and the confidence of his neighbors in his judgment is indicated by the fact that for ten years past he has served as township assessor. Fraternally he is identified with Crescent Camp No. 2358, M. W. A. Mrs. Downing and her daughters are valued members of the United Brethren church. They are well known socially and have the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

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#### DANIEL B. LEWIS.

Two years ago Daniel B. Lewis was made cashier and business manager of the Farmers Savings Bank of Huxley. It was his first practical experience in the field of business but he was well prepared for the responsibility and has performed his duties in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of directors and officers of the institution. He was born in Union township, Story county, December 22, 1884, son of Erasmus and Ane (Bryne) Lewis, both natives of Norway. They came to the United States after reaching manhood and womanhood and were married in Wisconsin, locating in Union township, Story county, Iowa, in 1864. Mr. Lewis became highly successful as a farmer and acquired extensive land holdings but has disposed of all of his property except the old home farm of two hundred acres and is now living retired. Politically he has been connected with the republican party and although his attention was mainly given to his private affairs, he served for a number of years as township trustee and also in other offices. He and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church.



DANIEL B. LEWIS



Daniel B. Lewis was reared in a peaceful home and acquired his early education in the district schools, later attending the Cambridge high school, from which he was graduated in 1905. After teaching school for several terms he took a course in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines, graduating with the class of 1908 and showing a proficiency in his examinations that gave bright promise as to his future. Immediately after leaving the commercial college he was appointed cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Huxley, and has since served with great acceptance in that position. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Cambridge and is quite prominently identified with social circles in this region. From the beginning of his active career he has shown an adaptability to his chosen calling, which is a brilliant prophecy of a life of usefulness and honor that cannot fail to reflect credit upon himself and those with whom he is associated.

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#### ANDREW A. OLSON.

Andrew A. Olson, a member of one of the well known families of Roland, was born in Howard township, Story county, on the 16th of September, 1863, a son of Abel and Jorena Olson. The father was born in Norway and on coming to the United States located in Chicago, where he followed the life of a sailor on Lake Michigan, serving for seven years as first mate of a vessel. In 1854 he came to Story county, Iowa, and, buying forty acres of land, engaged in farming. He later sold that tract and bought eighty acres, which he soon disposed of, and then purchased another eighty on section 16, Howard township, where he continued to live up to the time of his death. He was a persevering and industrious man and had accumulated six hundred and eighty acres of land in Story county at the time of his demise. He was for many years identified with the business interests of Roland, being one of the first men to engage in general merchandising there. In connection with Jona Duey, Paul Thompson and John Evenson, he conducted what was called the Granger store, but later withdrew and embarked in the general merchandise business on his own account, with which he was connected at the time of his death. He was a member of the republican party and always took an active interest in all local political issues. He was justice of the peace for twenty years, which fact alone is assurance of his capable as well as faithful discharge of the duties of the office. He was also one of the first assessors of Howard township and was for many years regarded as the political leader in that township. He was one of the organizers of the Lutheran church of Roland, contributing liberally toward the founding and maintenance of the same. He married Jorena Olson, and unto them were born four children, all of whom are still living: Ole, who resides in Minnesota;

George, living in Howard township, Story county; Carl, a resident of California; and Andrew A. The father passed away in 1808, having resided for forty-four years in Story county, upon which he left the impress of his strong personality and worthy character. The mother still lives in Roland.

Andrew A. Olson attended the district schools of Story county and on laying aside his school books he worked for his father until he was twenty years of age, at which time he started out in life for himself. He had decided to follow agriculture, feeling that it offered better and more certain opportunities than almost any other line. In addition to his farming he has been a feeder of stock, in which he has met with reasonable success.

Mr. Olson has been married twice, his first wife being Miss Berth Barka, and they became the parents of five children: Ella, who married L. M. Cole; Josie; Abel; Orville; and Arthur. The mother of these children passed away in 1901. For his second wife Mr. Olson chose Miss Julia Johnson and unto them has been born one child, Viola.

The family worship in the Lutheran church, with which denomination the parents are identified by membership. Since reaching his majority Mr. Olson has voted the republican ticket and he takes an active interest in politics.

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### JOHN A. SCOTT.

Near the top in the list of progressive and enterprising farmers of Story county stands the name of John A. Scott, who since 1894 has been a resident of Indian Creek township. He was born in Jones county, this state, on the 17th of December, 1869, being the son of Prior and Jane (Ferguson) Scott. His father was a native of Indiana but came to Iowa with his parents when a child, the grandfather, Prior Scott, Sr., being among the first settlers in Cedar county. Our subject's mother was from Pennsylvania and came to Iowa with her brother, Claude Ferguson, also locating in Cedar county, where she met and married Prior Scott. Immediately after their marriage the young couple removed to Jones county, locating on one hundred and sixty acres of land which had been given them by Mr. Scott's father. This continued to be their home up to the time of Mr. Scott's death in 1871. Later Mrs. Scott married Asa Lindsey and returned to Cedar county, where she still resides.

John A. Scott made his home with his mother and stepfather until he was fourteen years of age, when he left the parental roof and went to the western part of the state, thus starting out in life for himself when still but a boy. For nine years he worked as a farm hand until, by means of hard work and thrift, he had acquired a small capital.

In 1892 he married Miss Kate Smith, of Story county, a daughter of William V. Smith, of Maxwell. Shortly after marriage they removed to



Jones county, where they settled on a farm, a portion of which had come to Mr. Scott in the settlement of his father's estate. They lived there for two years, then sold out and bought their present homestead in Indian Creek township, Story county. The present farm contains ninety-seven acres of well tilled and valuable land and is one of the best equipped and best kept farms in the township. Mr. Scott has always been a strong advocate of diversified farming. He keeps a good grade of cattle and hogs, and by means of study and the pursuit of scientific methods and care and discretion in the breeding and raising of stock has been one of the most successful men of the community.

Two daughters and one son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott, all of whom are still at home: Sylvia Pearl, Emmett Raymond and Lulu Belle. The two former are attending the high school at Maxwell. The family attend the Evangelical church, of which the parents are members, Mr. Scott also serving as a trustee of the church.

The policy of the democratic party has always appealed to Mr. Scott as being the one best adapted to protect the interests of the general public and he therefore casts his ballot for its candidates. He has never taken a prominent or active part in politics, but at the same time he is now and has been for some time a member of the school board. He is secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Center Telephone Company and is also a director of the Farmers Grain Company of Maxwell. He has ever since his residence here been prominent in all public matters pertaining to the interest of the agricultural community and is known as one of the prosperous men of the township where he lives, being highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

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### JUDGE CHAUCER G. LEE.

In a history relating to the substantial and progressive citizens of Story county adequate mention should be made of members of the bar, prominent among whom are the gentlemen who occupy the judicial positions. For four years past Chaucer G. Lee has filled the office of district judge and in that time has greatly enhanced the reputation he had previously acquired as a practicing attorney.

Born on a farm in Kellogg township, Jasper county, Iowa, August 7, 1869, he is the son of James and Sarah (Whitcomb) Lee, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts and the latter in Indiana. At an early day the father settled in Jasper county, Iowa, and became one of its successful farmers.

Chaucer G. Lee received his early education in the district schools, later attending Hazel Dell Academy at Newton, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1891. Matriculating in the Iowa State College at Ames he

pursued his studies further and was graduated in 1894 with a degree of B. S. He next entered the law department of Drake University at Des Moines, and in 1895, having completed the regular law course, received the degree of LL. B. While acquiring his education he taught at various times in the country schools, showing an ability that gave bright promise as to his future. On February 2, 1895, he located at Ames and at once entered upon his life vocation, attracting almost from the very start a lucrative clientage. He served for eight years as city attorney at Ames and proved a strong advocate before a jury and a speaker who readily gained the ear of the court, winning many cases in which he was pitted against some of the ablest lawyers in this part of the state. Since the 1st of January, 1907, he has occupied the bench of the district court, displaying a fairness and impartiality which invites even the most humble to look with confidence for unbiased justice.

On the 23d of September, 1896, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Emma McCarthy, a daughter of Daniel and Mary McCarthy, of Ames. One daughter, Norma, has blessed this union. Judge Lee gives his adherence to the republican party, with which he has been identified ever since reaching manhood. Socially he and his estimable wife are prominent in the community. He is regarded as a man of the strictest integrity and of unflinching devotion to what he believes to be his duty. A deep student, he is seldom at a loss in determining as regards any difficult point of law. Throughout his entire career he has demonstrated that he possesses a well balanced mind, and he is eminently worthy of the respect and confidence in which he is held by all who know him. Just entering upon the most important period of life, being now forty-two years of age and possessing every requisite for a long and useful career, there is every reason to predict for him still greater successes in years to come than any he has yet known.

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### OLIVER HILL.

To the industrious farmer who adds intelligence to his chosen vocation success is assured. Oliver Hill was born in Norway, September 29, 1848, a son of Toris and Martha (Berhaw) Hill, who emigrated to the United States in 1840, landing at New York on July 2d of that year. They came west, locating in Kendall county, Illinois, where they resided until 1876, at which time they came to Story county and took up their residence with their son, the subject of this sketch. Here they both died, the father on December 7, 1887, and the mother March 18, 1902.

Oliver Hill spent his childhood at home, acquiring his education in the public schools in his district. School facilities were at that time very limited, however, and he secured his book knowledge at intervals between working on the farm. Notwithstanding this fact, being a very industrious

youth and ambitious as well, he managed to overcome all difficulties and when twenty years old began teaching school, which line of work he followed for ten years in connection with farming. During this time he taught for nineteen terms. In the spring of 1875 he came to Story county, Iowa, making his residence with Ole Berhaw, whom he had known when living in Kendall county, Illinois. This was the farm on which he now resides and which he later purchased. In the meantime he went to Polk county and spent the winter there, returning the following spring to the Berhaw farm, where he has since resided.

Mr. Hill was married to Mrs. Clara Thorson, nee Seymour, of Kendall county, Illinois. Her parents were Sebert and Isabella (Thompson) Seymour, who came to America from Norway. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill four children have been born, as follows: Albert T., residing at Cambridge; Martha H., who is attending Drake University at Des Moines; John, who is a student in the State Agricultural College at Ames; and one child, deceased. Mr. Hill is a prohibitionist in politics and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church.

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### JAMES W. DUNAHOO.

One of the well known farms of Story county is the Dunahoo homestead, which is located on sections 2 and 3, Indian Creek township, and upon which the third generation of this family is now living. James W. Dunahoo, the present head of the family, was born in Marion county, Indiana, on the 3d of April, 1841. His parents, William M. and Sarah (Sheets) Dunahoo, were both natives of Virginia, where they were reared and married. A few years later they migrated to Ohio and the next year they removed to Marion county, Indiana, where they made their home for several years. In August, 1854, they came west, locating in Story county, Iowa, on the farm which is now owned by their grandson, our subject's son. William Dunahoo entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, upon which he continued to make his home until the time of his death in 1874. His wife survived him for thirty years and passed away in 1904.

James W. Dunahoo remained a member of his father's household until he had attained manhood, attending the district school, assisting with the work of the farm and enjoying such diversions as fell to the lot of the young people of that day. He acquired the rudiments of his education in an old log schoolhouse with puncheon floors and slab benches and lighted and ventilated by means of pieces cut out of the logs which formed the walls. In those early days he drove oxen to market to Des Moines and Iowa City and sold wheat in Cedar Rapids for forty cents per bushel.

At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Dunahoo began farming on his own account on land which he rented, but at the end of two years by unremitting toil, tireless energy and thrift he was able to buy twenty-four acres of the present home farm and thus become a landowner. He kept adding to his holdings from time to time until he had acquired two hundred and twenty-five acres of Story county's most valuable land. Mr. Dunahoo did not remove to this place until 1868 but since that time he has lived here continuously.

In 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen Webb. Her parents were Virginians by birth but came to Iowa from Indiana, settling first in Polk county, where they lived for two years, and then locating in Story county. Two children were born of this marriage: Elmer Clayton, who is a farmer of Indian Creek township, and Major R., who is also a farmer and lives on the old Dunahoo homestead, which he now owns. The family circle was broken when Mrs. Dunahoo passed away in 1901.

They always attend the Methodist church, of which the parents were members and of which Mr. Dunahoo is still a communicant. Although he has never taken a particularly active part in politics, never aspiring to public office or political honors of any kind, he is at the polls at every election and casts his vote for the republican candidates. The name of Dunahoo has always been highly respected in Story county, each representative of that family being well worthy of the esteem of his fellow citizens, which has always been freely accorded.

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### JOSEPH H. TWEDT.

One of the successful agriculturists in Howard township, Story county, is Joseph H. Twedt, who was born in the locality where he now resides. He is a son of Hans J. and Julia (Asland) Twedt, both natives of Norway, who emigrated to the United States in 1855 and coming directly to Iowa located in Story county, where they remained the rest of their lives. The father, who possessed all the unwearied perseverance and tireless energy which characterizes the Norse races, by his close application and careful expenditures accumulated considerable property before his demise at an advanced age. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, eight of whom survive and are as follows: Abel H., Joseph H., Samuel H., Andrew H., Henry, Jane, Hattie and Julia.

The early years of Joseph H. Twedt were as unvaried in their routine of school, work and play as are those of the majority of young people who are reared in the more sparsely settled districts. At the usual age he laid aside his school books to assume the heavier responsibilities of life, choosing for his life work farming, the vocation for which he had been trained from childhood and felt he was best adapted. He remained at



home until he had attained his majority, when he began working for himself. He was first employed as a farm hand by the month but later engaged in farming on the shares. Economy and industry brought him the usual reward and in 1890 he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to buy one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 14, Howard township. Through diligence and capable management he has added to his holdings at various times until the present aggregate of his real estate is two hundred and forty acres. His farm contains good improvements, a nice grade of stock and the fields are given the careful supervision which results in abundant harvests. In addition to his realty holdings Mr. Twedt is a stockholder and director of the Farmers Savings Bank of Roland.

He established a home of his own when he married Miss Bertha Pier-son, and they have become the parents of six children, five of whom are living: Rose, Howard, Otis, Joseph, Ruth and Mamie, deceased. Ever since age conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Twedt has cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party, believing that its policy of protection is essential to the best development of the country. He is now occupying the office of trustee in Howard township. Almost his entire life has been spent in that township, where he was born, and greater tribute can be paid to the character of no man than that the comrades of his boyhood are the friends of his manhood.

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#### E. ROLAND ROBISON.

One of the most successful farmers and cattle-raisers of Story county is E. Roland Robison, who is one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Indian Creek township. Born in that township, July 9, 1862, he is the son of Alexander and Nancy (Greer) Robison, both of whom were natives of western Pennsylvania. The father was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1822, and died at Nevada, Iowa, January 23, 1907, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a representative of one of the early families of this country, his great-grandfather having settled in or near Wilmington, Delaware. His youth was spent in Pennsylvania and he was married in Mercer county, that state, in March, 1856, to Miss Nancy Greer, who survives him.

E. Roland Robison spent his youth at home, attending the public school when not working on the farm. There he remained until attaining his majority, when he married and purchased eighty acres of his present farm, on which he took up his residence. During the succeeding twenty-two years he added to his property from time to time until at present he owns four hundred and thirteen acres of the most valuable land in Story county. When he was married he had two or three hundred dollars with which to make payment on his first eighty acres, and this was unimproved land.



Now he has one of the best farms in this section of the county, containing all of the most modern improvements. He has made a specialty of cattle feeding, in which he has met with unusual success.

The marriage of Mr. Robison took place April 4, 1888, when he was united to Miss Mattie Whitaker, a daughter of Samuel and Harriett (Miller) Whitaker, of Indian Creek township. Her mother was a native of Indiana, while her father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. The latter came to Story county in 1855 and is now a resident of Maxwell. To Mr. and Mrs. Robison have been born four children, two of whom survive, namely: Edith, and Clay A. The daughter is now a teacher in the district schools. She is a graduate of the Maxwell high school and attended the Iowa State Normal school at Cedar Falls.

In politics Mr. Robison is a republican and he has served for several years as a member of the school board. He is affiliated with Maxwell Lodge, No. 465, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Robison, prior to her marriage, was a teacher in the public schools and is a highly accomplished woman. She is a member of the United Evangelical church.

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### OLEY NELSON.

Among the well established citizens of Story county there is none who deserves more honorable mention than Oley Nelson, who is now living retired at Slater. He is a native of Rock county, Wisconsin, born August 11, 1845, and son of Nels and Aase (Chrestensdotter) Olson Evensrue, both of whom were natives of Rollag, Numedal, Norway. They were married in Norway and came to America in 1843, locating at Jefferson Prairie in Rock county, Wisconsin. The father entered forty acres of government land and in 1845 declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. In the spring of 1848 he removed to Primrose, Dane county, Wisconsin, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he proceeded to improve. On August 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, known as the Sugar River Rifles, of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, the regiment gaining a wide reputation as the Live Eagle Regiment. The regiment left Camp Randall at Madison, Wisconsin, about October 1, 1861, and went to St. Louis, from there going to Iron Mountain, Missouri, where they drove out the rebels and secured the ore for the use of the government. They then went to Raleigh and from that place to St. Louis and thence down the Mississippi river, assisting in the capture of Island No. 10. The regiment was then ordered to Corinth and after the capture of that city to Vicksburg. On the way from Corinth to Vicksburg the father of our subject received a sixty day furlough to enable him to visit his home as his health had been seriously impaired. He went aboard a boat at Memphis and came as far north as Keokuk, Iowa, when



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he was taken off the boat in an unconscious condition and conveyed to the hospital, where he died August 4, 1862.

After the father's death the mother continued to live on the farm and the son took charge of the work. However, in the spring of 1864, desiring to take the place of his father in defense of the Union, he enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry, and was present at the last capture of Memphis later in the same year. The regiment was sent to Holly Springs and Jackson, Mississippi, and at the latter place Mr. Nelson was taken sick with fever and jaundice and in the fall of the year was sent home on a furlough. He was in a very serious condition on his arrival at Madison and was practically incapacitated for any service for several months. He received his honorable discharge from the army in December, 1864.

Mr. Nelson continued with his mother in Wisconsin until 1867. In the winter of 1864-5 the home farm was sold under foreclosure on account of a security debt, and they then moved to eighty acres in which the mother had an equity. In the spring of 1867 she disposed of this equity, receiving two hundred and twenty-five dollars. They also possessed a span of colts and three head of young heifers, and having secured a prairie schooner started westward, having decided to cast their lot in Iowa. Upon reaching Skunk river opposite Cambridge, Story county, Iowa, they found the river bottom flooded, making it extremely dangerous to attempt to cross with a wagon. Accordingly Mr. Nelson left his mother upon the bank and hired a pilot for five dollars to assist him in crossing with the wagon and animals. After reaching the opposite shore he waded back, the water reaching above his waist, and took his mother on his shoulders, she being a small woman weighing only about ninety pounds, and carried her across in safety. The effort practically exhausted him, but after resting a while they resumed their journey and crossed the county line to Polk county, subsequently locating on eighty acres of raw prairie. As their resources were extremely limited Mr. Nelson found it necessary to sell the horses and wagon and purchase a yoke of oxen, this transaction replenishing the treasury by about one hundred dollars. He hauled lumber and brick from Polk City to build a house and they lived comfortably during the following winter. In the fall of 1867 the grasshoppers ate up everything green in that section and it was indeed a gloomy outlook, especially as payments were due on the farm and other obligations had been incurred.

In the spring of 1869 Mr. Nelson sold the oxen and wagon and went to Des Moines, where he secured a position the first day of S. A. Robertson to haul brick from his yard at a salary of thirty dollars per month and board. In the fall of the same year he received his first introduction to the mercantile business in the house of Luce & Mahanna, his salary being fifteen dollars per month, twelve dollars of which he was obliged to pay for board. Subsequently he conducted a farmers boarding house and in 1874 removed to Sheldahl, where he erected the first store building in the town,

continuing as a merchant and grain buyer until he retired on account of the encroachments of age. He was organizer of the Farmers Savings Bank at Slater and was its first president, being at the present time a member of the board of directors.

In December, 1869, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Ersland, of Cambridge, and by this union ten children were born, namely: George E., Elsie C., Carrie H., Anna G., Bell O., Mattie A., Elemer O., and Beatrice D., and Kuttie A. and Amos K., who died in infancy. The first five are now married.

Politically Mr. Nelson has ever since arriving at the age of manhood given his support to the republican party and has served in a number of responsible positions. He was postmaster at Sheldahl from 1874 to 1880 and school treasurer from 1874 to 1885. He was elected to the twenty-first and twenty-second general assembly, serving in 1882 and 1884 with distinguished ability, being especially active in behalf of better drainage laws, better school laws and free text-books. He was a delegate to the national republican convention which nominated James G. Blaine for president and has been employed many times by the state republican committee as a campaign speaker, having appeared in more than fifteen counties in Iowa and in four counties in Minnesota. Religiously, he is identified with the United Lutheran church, in which he has for many years been a prominent worker. In 1904 he was elected president of the board of directors of St. Olof College and since 1890 has been a member of the board of the United Norwegian church of America, being now vice president of that body.

Mr. Nelson possessed limited opportunities of school education in his early life. His mother, however, was a woman of fine education and was his principal teacher until he came into contact with the world. His tastes were originally for mechanical pursuits but conditions led him into mercantile life, in which he attained deserved success. As a public speaker he has been highly efficient and his services have been in urgent demand. Today he is recognized as a leader among Norwegians of Iowa, due to his high character and marked business ability, and he is greatly esteemed wherever he is known.

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### DICK R. SPIEKER.

Dick R. Spieker, cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank of Nevada and recognized as one of the most progressive young business men of the city, was born in Grundy county, Iowa, September 17, 1880. He is a son of John and Hattie (Husinga) Spieker, both natives of Germany. The father came to this country with his parents in infancy, the family locating in Hardin county, Iowa, in 1852. Our subject's Grandfather Spieker did not possess a liberal amount of this world's goods when he established his



home in the country of his adoption, but he was industrious, frugal and persevering and succeeded even beyond his expectations. As an indication of his character it may be stated that he walked from his farm, a distance of one hundred miles, to Des Moines to file his land entry papers. The father of our subject was reared on the home farm and has devoted his entire life to agriculture and stock-raising. He is the owner of five hundred acres of land, which he acquired through his industry and good management, and is recognized as one of the substantial and influential citizens of the state. He is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Savings Bank of Aplington, Butler county, Iowa. Politically he gives his support to the republican party but has never sought public office, his attention being mainly devoted to his private interests. The mother of our subject was born in Germany in 1850 and came to the United States with her parents about 1865.

There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Spieker, namely: Matilda, now the wife of Charles Wilke, a contractor and cement block and tile manufacturer of Aplington; one who died in infancy; Dick R., our subject; Claude, further mention of whom is made below; and Tena, Anna, Lena and John, all at home. Claude Spieker, who was born in Grundy county, Iowa, in 1882, received his education in the district schools, after which he attended the State Normal School, the Capital City Commercial College and Drake University, taking the commercial law course in the latter. Since leaving the university he has been engaged in the banking business at Des Moines, Aplington and Nevada, now being associated with his brother as assistant cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank.

Dick R. Spieker grew to manhood upon the home farm and early gave indications that his tastes lay in other directions than those of agricultural pursuits. He became a student of the State Normal School at seventeen years of age and after teaching for two years took a course in the Capital City Commercial College, graduating in 1903. Seeking practical experience in a well established banking institution, he became connected with the Des Moines National Bank, where he continued for three years. In 1905 he assisted in organizing the Farmers Savings Bank at Aplington and became its cashier, holding that position for three years and building up the business until the institution became recognized as one of the reliable concerns of the county. In May, 1909, he came to Nevada as cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank, which office he now holds. He and his brother are large stockholders in this bank and it has shown a remarkable growth under their management.

In March, 1909, Mr. Spieker was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle A. Graham, who was born in Des Moines, in 1884, a daughter of David and Augusta (Sinn) Graham, the father being a well known contractor. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spieker one child, Roy, was born April 5, 1910.

Mr. Spieker is an active member of the American Bankers Association and also of the Iowa Bankers Association and keeps thoroughly informed

on all important movements in financial affairs. He gives his support to the republican party and his religious belief is indicated by membership in the Baptist church. Mrs. Spicker is a member of the Christian church. Since taking up his residence in Nevada Mr. Spicker has erected a beautiful modern residence, which is a credit to his taste and an ornament to the city. Although living here comparatively a short time, he has made many friends and has shown a capability as a business man and financier which gives brilliant promise for his future.

### FRED E. HANSEN.

It is doubtful if a more promising advocate at the bar is to be found in Story county than Fred E. Hansen, whose name introduces this review. He was born at Chicago, November 14, 1873, and comes of Danish and Norwegian ancestry. The father, Thomas P. Hansen, was born in Denmark and after reaching manhood became a seaman. He established his home in the United States and for a number of years was identified with inland water traffic, being at the time of his death, in 1894, captain of the W. O. Goodman, a merchantman plying on the Great Lakes. He was energetic and thoroughly competent in his calling and attained a high reputation as a conscientious and trustworthy officer. He was a member of the Masonic order and politically gave his adherence to the republican party. He married Nathalia Werfel, who was a native of Chicago and departed this life some years before the death of her husband. Her mother was a Norwegian and her father a Dane. Her religion was that of the Baptist church. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are deceased except the subject of this review. The father was again married after the death of his first wife, but there were no children by that union.

Fred E. Hansen came to Iowa at eleven years of age and took up his home with Henry Thompson, a friend of the family, living near Roland. Here he grew to manhood and continued for sixteen years. He received his preliminary education in the public schools graduating from the Roland high school in 1893. After spending two years as a student in the State Agricultural College at Ames, he began teaching in which he continued for five years, serving for two years of that time as principal of the Roland high school. His ability as a teacher received general recognition in the county and in 1900 he was elected county superintendent of schools, being reelected in 1902. Upon retiring from this position he went upon the road as a traveling salesman, in the meantime preparing for admission to the bar by taking the prescribed course of the Sprague Correspondence School of Law. He also studied law in the office of Fitchpatrick & McCall, of Nevada, and in the fall of 1906 was duly admitted to the bar. He has been

in active practice at Nevada since January, 1907, meeting with success due to thorough preparation and conscientious effort.

On the 6th of June, 1900, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Anna R. Hegland, who was born at Roland, Iowa, July 19, 1883, a daughter of O. O. and Engeborg (Johnson) Hegland. The father is one of the old and influential farmers of the county and is now living retired. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hansen: Floyd, who died at the age of six years; and Margaret, who was born January 2, 1910.

Mr. Hansen has made a favorable start in a profession that calls for the best energy and talent, and there is no doubt that he will attain an enviable position at the bar. He is a constant student and fluent speaker and the possessor of well tested business capacity which cannot fail to assist him very materially in his career. He is a member of the Story County Bar Association and politically is identified with the republican party. He has not sought official responsibility but is now serving most acceptably as a member of the board of trustees of the public library. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and has attained in the latter organization the title of chancellor commander. He and his wife are active workers in the Memorial Lutheran church, of which Mr. Hansen is a deacon. Having made the right start in life, he is winning success and has many warm personal friends in central Iowa.

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### JESSE R. WOOD.

Few citizens of Indian Creek township have exercised a stronger force or more potent influence on the life of the community than did Jesse R. Wood during the period of his residence in this locality. Ohio claimed him as a native son, his birth occurring in Allen county, that state, on the 19th of August, 1832. His parents, John G. and Anna (Kennison) Wood, were both natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Ohio in early life. In the '30s they took up their abode in Indiana and there the mother passed away. Later the father was again married, after which he removed to Story county, Iowa, locating on a farm near Iowa Center, which remained his home throughout his remaining days.

Leaving his native state in early childhood, Jesse R. Wood accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana, and there he was reared to manhood. As a pupil in the common schools he received his elementary training and later matriculated in the Central University at Pella, Iowa, prompted by a desire for a thorough education. It was decreed, however, that he should not complete his university course, for at the outbreak of the Civil war he put aside all personal interests, actuated by a strong spirit of patriotism, and, offering his aid in defense of the Union cause, en-

listed, on the 17th of May, 1861, as a private in Company E, Third Iowa Infantry, under Captain John Scott. The regiment, commanded by Colonel N. G. Williams, was assigned to the First Brigade, Fourth Division, Seventeenth Corps of the Army of the Tennessee, as a member of which Mr. Wood participated in several important engagements, including the battles of Blue Mills, Missouri, and Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing. He was on detached service for a time, and in April, 1862, at Shiloh, while en route to Corinth, he was honorably discharged because of disability, at which time he was mustered out. He suffered greatly from exposure during his term of service, being little more than a skeleton when he reached home, and it required several months to recuperate.

As soon as his returning strength would permit Mr. Wood took up teaching as a means of support, and for many years his time was thus occupied during the winter months, while in the summer seasons he was engaged in farming, becoming successful in both branches. His identification with the educational interests of his part of the state was a source of benefit to the communities in which he labored, for he proved himself a most competent and able instructor, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. After withdrawing from the profession of teaching he served for many years as member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He became interested in various other phases of community life and was one of the best known and most public-spirited citizens of his part of Story county. Possessing those qualities which always win respect and confidence, he was chosen as executor of many estates and his aid was invariably sought in matters requiring business ability and integrity. Indeed there were few residents of Indian Creek township whose counsel and advice were more largely sought than that of Jesse R. Wood, and no trust reposed in him was ever abused. That he was endowed with keen business ability is indicated by the fact that he was numbered among the substantial and prosperous farmers of his district, being the owner at the time of his death of a valuable farm of two hundred acres besides sixteen acres of good timber land. The farm is yet in the possession of Mrs. Wood, although she has since disposed of the timber tract. About five years prior to his death Mr. Wood turned the work of his farm over to others and retired from active life, taking up his abode in Des Moines. About two years later, however, he came to Maxwell and was here residing at the time of his death.

On November 20, 1862, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Juliet Wilson, of Grant township, a daughter of Alfred and Anna (Adams) Wilson, formerly of Licking county, Ohio, and by this marriage were born six children, as follows: Georgiana, the widow of W. H. King, who resides in Des Moines; Ida H., who wedded Rev. Wilson Mills, a Baptist minister of Omaha, Nebraska; Harvey A., engaged in farming in Oklahoma; Edith, the wife of L. W. Stone, of Nevada, Iowa; Jessie E., who



married Professor C. W. Kirk, of Collins, Iowa; and Ada L., the widow of Roy W. Brokaw, of Des Moines.

Like his wife Mr. Wood was ever a faithful and devoted church member, his actions at all times being in harmony with his professions. At an early day he joined the Baptist church and remained an earnest worker therein until the disbanding of the congregation at Iowa Center, when he united with the Christian church in Maxwell. For twelve years prior to his demise he served as elder in the latter church, and Mrs. Wood continues an active and helpful factor in its work. Death came very unexpectedly to Mr. Wood on the 6th of March, 1905. He was standing on the railroad platform in Cambridge preparing to board a train for Des Moines when he suddenly dropped dead. Deep regret was felt at his death, the news of which brought a sense of personal loss into the heart of almost everyone who had known him, for with his passing Story county lost one of her most valued and influential citizens, the measure of whose success in life was taken not so much by the material gain which was his as by the honor, confidence and good-will extended him by his fellowmen.

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#### GEORGE SEVERT NELSON.

Although he has been a resident of Story county but eleven years, George Severt Nelson is recognized as one of its leading agriculturists and business men. He was born in Norway in 1859 and is a son of Severt and Julia (Anderson) Nelson. After the death of the father, which occurred in Norway, the mother married O. O. Oleson. The family came to the United States in May, 1866, and located at Grinnell, Iowa, where they remained for only three months, and then came to Story county. The first five years of their residence in this county they lived on a rented farm but during that period were able to accumulate sufficient capital to enable them to buy eighty acres of land north of Slater in 1871. Owing to their thrifty habits and industry they were later able to add another forty to this. Mr. Oleson has now retired from active farming and is living in Roland, enjoying in the evening of his life the ease and comfort denied him during the hard working days of his early manhood.

George Severt Nelson was only a lad of seven years when the family located in Story county, therefore his boyhood and youth were passed here and in the district schools he acquired his education. He remained a resident of Iowa until 1883, when he went to South Dakota and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. Two years later he filed on a tree claim and in 1898 he bought another quarter section, making the aggregate of his realty holdings in that state four hundred and eighty acres. He sold his property in 1900 and the following year returned to Story county and bought two hundred and twenty-one acres. He has since added to his



property and now has two hundred and ninety-four. In addition to his landed interests Mr. Nelson is a stockholder in the canning factory at Cambridge and the Charles Publishing Company, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Nelson wedded Miss Carrie Tesdall and they have become the parents of seventeen children, eight sons and nine daughters, fourteen of whom are living. They are as follows: Gertie; Leslie Morris; Mattie; Sivrie; Orville; Clarence; Chester, deceased; one who died in infancy; Jessie and Bessie, twins; Benjamin; Florence; Alvin; Verna; Laura; Lillian; and Beulah.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the socialist party and has always taken an active interest in politics. In 1899, while a resident of South Dakota, he represented the sixteenth district in the state legislature and was re-nominated by the populist party for another term but was defeated. He was also elected to the office of county assessor in Buffalo county, South Dakota, and served as clerk of his township for ten years and two as treasurer. During his residence in Iowa he has been the candidate of the socialist party for the office of railway commissioner of the state, but was defeated because of the minority of his party. Wherever he has lived Mr. Nelson has shown himself to be a public-spirited, progressive and enterprising citizen.

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### JOHN NIELSEN.

Denmark has contributed thousands of her progressive sons and daughters to America and in this country many of them have found home, friends and fortune, now being numbered among the most honored members of their respective communities. In this class is John Nielsen, a well known miller and grain dealer of Slater. He was born in Denmark, June 26, 1857, a son of Niels and Margaret Madsen, both of whom spent their entire lives in Denmark.

John Nielsen was reared under the parental roof and acquired his early education in the common schools of his native land. At the age of fourteen years, according to the custom of the country, he was apprenticed to a trade and learned the milling business, becoming very adept in an industry which can be usefully applied in almost any country of the world. In 1880, being then twenty-three years of age and ambitious to advance as rapidly as possible in life, he emigrated to America, coming to Sheldahl, Iowa, where he readily found employment at his trade. About 1884 he and a partner rented the mill, which they operated for a short time. He then went to Grinnell and made an effort to rent the mill at that place but was not able to accomplish his purpose and after spending a few months at Sheldahl, became associated with his brother in a clothing store at Fargo, North Dakota. Two years' experience in the clothing busi-

ness convinced him that the trade to which he had been reared offered more favorable inducements, and accordingly, in 1891, he once more returned to Sheldahl and in company with B. C. Dueland rented the mill at that place, which they operated for three years under the firm name of Nielsen & Dueland. In 1894 he and his partner purchased a two-thirds interest in the mill at Slater and began its operation, acquiring the remaining interest seven months later. This mill was at the time only a feed mill and in order to meet the growing demand of an increasing population the firm enlarged the building and put in modern machinery, including a complete roller-process plant, making the mill one of the leading industries of the locality. In April, 1910, the building was destroyed by fire, the depot and freight houses also being swept away at the same time. The firm of Nielsen & Dueland was composed, however, of men of determination and they immediately purchased the elevator building of Oley Nelson and fitted it out with milling machinery, so that they have since conducted an elevator and a mill, being also extensive dealers in coal and feed. They are now enjoying a large and increasing patronage.

In 1879 Mr. Nielsen, before coming to America, was united in marriage to Miss Sina M. Peterson, a native of Denmark, and two children blessed this union; Nels M., now of Slater; and Catherine, the wife of Fred Nelson of Missoula, Montana.

The life record of Mr. Nielsen is a remarkable illustration of the possibilities in America for men who have learned a useful trade and are possessed of business ability to make practical application of their knowledge. He has no reason to regret making Iowa his home, as he has secured a competency and is assured of a liberal annual income. Politically he is allied with the prohibition party. He has not sought public office but has ably served as member of the town council. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist church, Mr. Nielsen being one of the stewards of the local organization.

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#### OLIVER G. TICHENOR.

Many of the successful agriculturists of Story county are native sons, men whose parents came here in pioneer days and broke the prairie, felled the trees for their log cabins, built the roads and in short endured all of the hardships and privations incident to life in an unsettled district and among these may be mentioned Oliver G. Tichenor. He was born in Nevada township on the 7th of October, 1869, a son of Joseph and Martha J. (McCullough) Tichenor. The father was a native of Delaware, born on the 9th of March, 1813, and was a son of Moses Tichenor. He went to Indiana as a child with his parents and there he spent his boyhood and youth, acquiring his education in the district schools. He remained in his

father's household until old enough to work for himself, at which time he left and began farming. Some time after his marriage he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, but after one year's residence there he again started west and in 1855 he located in Story county, Iowa. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 28, Nevada township, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre and there he spent the remainder of his life.

Joseph Tichenor married Miss Sarah Applegate in Indiana and they became the parents of the following children: Nathaniel, who enlisted from Story county and was killed in battle during the Civil war; May Elizabeth, the widow of J. P. Robinson, of Ness City, Kansas; Malvina, deceased, who married J. S. Middleton; Louisa, the widow of J. Tanner, of Stewart, Iowa; Emma, who died in childhood. Mrs. Tichenor died before they left Indiana and in 1855, while living in Illinois, he married Miss Martha J. McCullough, who was born in South Carolina on the 10th of March, 1830, and unto them were born seven children: George L., who is living on the old homestead; Isabelle, the wife of J. W. Hayne, living in Nevada township, Story county; Eva, who died at the age of thirteen years; Carlton W., who died at the age of twenty-six, leaving a widow and one son, Joseph, who was the twin brother of Carlton W. and died at three years; Edward M., also living on the old home farm; and Oliver G. The father passed away on the 16th of June, 1870. He had always voted the republican ticket and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The mother had passed the seventy-ninth milestone of life before she died on the 21st of February, 1909. All of the Tichenor children of the second marriage were born on the old homestead and there the brothers George and Edward, the former born on the 4th of February, 1856, and the latter on the 10th of November, 1865, have always resided. Edward Tichenor is single but George is now a widower. He was married in 1889 to Nettie Wireman, but she died five years later, in 1894. They have three hundred and eight acres of well improved and highly cultivated land and engage in general farming and stock raising and feeding, in all of which they have met with more than moderate success and are considered to be among the most successful and substantial farmers in Nevada township. They have always been staunch supporters of the republican party and take an active interest in all local political issues. Edward Tichenor has held the position of township clerk and township assessor and is the present incumbent of the latter office. He is a member of the United Evangelical church.

Oliver G. Tichenor, the youngest member of his family, was educated in the district schools of Story county and after he laid aside his textbooks assisted on the home farm until his marriage, when he began farming for himself. He rented land for one year but at the end of that time bought a small farm of forty acres, which he cultivated for two years, and then rented a larger place, which he operated for four years. At the end of that time he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to invest in

eighty acres in Richmond township, upon which he lived for ten years. In January, 1909, he bought his present place, which consists of two hundred acres on sections 12, 13 and 14, Nevada township, and engages in general farming. He owns one of the valuable farms in that township and keeps a good grade of stock. The improvements upon his farm are kept in repair and the fields reward his careful supervision by an abundant harvest, which always commands good prices.

Mr. Tichenor was married on the 17th of March, 1891 to Miss Hattie Whittaker, who was born in Nevada township in 1867, a daughter of Thomas Whittaker. They hold membership in the United Evangelical Association. Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Tichenor has been identified with the republican party. He always takes an active interest in local politics and during his residence in Richmond township served for four years as township assessor, while he is at present filling the office of township clerk in Nevada township. He is highly regarded in the community where he lives, is a public-spirited man and always gives his support to every measure that will prove of public benefit. Both he and his wife have many friends, to whom they extend the hospitality of their pleasant home.

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### CHARLES G. VASEY.

Charles G. Vasey, of the firm of Vasey Brothers, dealers in lumber, coal and agricultural implements at Collins, by his active and honorable business life is well entitled to representation in this volume. He was born in Peoria, Polk county, Iowa, September 17, 1873, a son of William and Anna (Oxley) Vasey, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Vasey acquired his early education in the district schools and later attended the Collins high school, graduating in the first class that completed the course in that institution. He then entered the Capital City Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1896, securing a practical business education, which has been of great benefit to him in his contact with the world. He began his business career in the bank at Maxwell and later was connected with both banks at Collins. For two terms he made a test of his talents as a school teacher but found the work uncongenial, and being attracted to mercantile pursuits in February, 1898, he purchased from S. A. Rush the Collins lumberyard, two years later taking into partnership a younger brother, Arthur A. The business is conducted under the title of Vasey Brothers, and they have secured an extensive patronage, the concern being recognized as one of the most successful in Story county.

In June, 1902, Mr. Vasey was united in marriage to Miss Grace King, a daughter of William King, of Collins, and by this union one child, Harold



B., has been born. Mr. Vasey is independent politically, and thus is free from partiality in casting his ballot and is able to take a broad view of political questions. He is actively interested in public affairs and served **three terms as town clerk, two terms as mayor of Collins, and at the present time is a member of the school board.** He previously filled the office of secretary of that body for several years and was a member of the board when the handsome new school building was erected, being largely instrumental in the inception and accomplishment of that important work. He is identified with Amity Lodge, No. 301, I. O. O. F., and also with Sunbeam Lodge, No. 181, Mystic Workers of the World. He ranks as one of the leading business men of Collins, and as he has always dealt fairly with others, never seeking to advance his personal interest to the injury of his fellowmen, he possesses in an eminent degree the respect and esteem of the entire community.

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### JOHN R. HALL.

The name of John R. Hall holds a prominent place in the list of the pioneers of Story county, where he has lived for more than fifty years. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, on the 2d of December, 1835, his parents being Thomas and Eliza (Rosenbarger) Hall, both natives of Virginia, who removed to Ohio with their parents in the early days and were there reared and married. In 1836 they went to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where they lived until the fall of 1854, when they again started westward, their destination being Story county, Iowa. When they were nearing the end of their journey, which was made in wagons across the prairie, cholera broke out in their party, and one member succumbed to the dread disease and was buried nine miles this side of Marengo, while two more were laid to rest in the little cemetery at Grinnell, one of them being Amos Hall, a brother of our subject. Upon their arrival in Story county they located on two hundred acres of land which Thomas Hall had purchased in Indian Creek township and where they continued to live until both parents passed away, the father at the age of sixty-nine years and the mother just after passing the seventy-second anniversary of her birth. They were the parents of eight children and of the six surviving four have passed their seventieth year, namely: Noble Porter Hall, a resident of Maxwell, Iowa; Mary Jane, the widow of Augustus Berlin, of Ottawa, Kansas; John R., our subject; James H., also of Maxwell; William C., of Golden Prairie, Wyoming; Thomas, of Bagley, Iowa.

The boyhood and youth of John R. Hall was very similar to that of other farmer lads in pioneer days. The educational facilities afforded by the district school provided him with the fundamental principles of the three "R's," an introduction to which was acquired in a log school, with



puncheon floor and slab benches, where the rod formed a very important feature of the curriculum. At the usual age he laid aside his text-books to assume the heavier responsibilities of manhood. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he rented land and began farming for himself, but by thrift, hard work and self-denial he was able to acquire sufficient capital to purchase eighty acres on section 13, Indian Creek township, in 1867. The land was unimproved and after erecting a house he located thereon and from then until 1888 this continued to be his home. In the latter year he removed to Maxwell, where he has ever since lived retired, which is the reward of tireless energy and indomitable courage in the face of the hardships and misfortunes incident to life in a new country.

Mr. Hall responded to his country's call and went to the front during the Civil war with Company I of the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he had enlisted on the 27th of October, 1864. He took part in various skirmishes and battles, among the most important being the battle of Nashville. Receiving his discharge on the 28th of July, 1865, he then returned home.

On the 17th of October, 1861, Mr. Hall and Miss Sarah Dunahoo were united in marriage. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of William Dunahoo, one of the pioneer settlers of Story county, who came here in 1854 and located on a farm in Indian Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party, although he has never sought any reward for party fealty in the form of political honors or public office. He is known as one of the substantial citizens of Maxwell and has always been held in high regard in the communities where he resided because of his fine sterling qualities.

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### MADISON R. DUNAHOO.

Among the well known and highly successful native sons of Story county is Madison R. Dunahoo, who was born in Indian Creek township on the 19th of May, 1857. He is a son of John and Rachel (Ray) Dunahoo, the father being a Virginian by birth and the mother a native of Indiana. They came to Iowa in 1854, locating on the farm where their son Madison R. was born and now lives. Eighty acres of this land was acquired from the government and later Mr. Dunahoo bought forty more adjoining. It was here that they reared their children and continued to make their home during the remainder of their lives. On the 28th of March, 1880, Mrs. Dunahoo passed away and was survived by her husband for twenty-four years, his death occurring on the 12th of November, 1904. He was an ardent advocate of the principles of the republican

party and always voted for its candidates, his fidelity being rewarded by election to the various township offices, all of which he most ably discharged.

Madison R. Dunahoo was reared upon the farm where he now lives and which he continued to call home up to his twenty-third year, at which time he was married and began farming independently as a settler. In 1880 he went to Shafter, Kansas, Iowa, where he had previously bought eight acres of land and had lived there for four years, when, his father having signified his intention of disposing of the land given, he returned and continued to farm.

Mr. Dunahoo married Miss Jennie Selby, a daughter of Charles Selby, of Nevada township, and two sons were born to them: Lloyd C., who was favored in the Des Moines press, very shortly after his graduation from the Capital City Commercial College, of Des Moines; and James Cass.

The family joined the United Evangelical church, in which the parents are members, and Mr. Dunahoo is also one of the trustees of the church as well as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School. He is also one of the prominent representatives of his township, always taking an active interest in all local political issues. That he is highly esteemed and popular with the members of his party is attested by the fact that he is now serving his fifth term as a member of the board of township trustees. His fraternal relations are confined to membership in Social League No. 474, I. O. O. F., of Marshall.

Mr. Dunahoo's position in both political and business circles can be attributed to his integrity, good judgment and high principles. He has been proved to have been conforming to the basic principles of his faith and logic, and that he has remained so indicated by the fact of his being so long and retained throughout his life.

## ESSAYE ALBERT HUBER.

The old settlers here living in Story county would scarce find a prominent place in a history of the county. As though their names be known to every one and every one who has followed to the end of the Indian trail, they have the names of French, Alton, Huber, for several years past in the list of names. He was born in the town of Madison, February 1, 1841, a son of Albert and Anna (Huber) Huber, the former was born of Ohio and the latter of New York state. A year or two after their marriage the second moved to Stoughton county, Illinois and later to Wisconsin. In 1848 they started west with their wagon and two children and a pair of oxen and after some light work at first. They reached the Mississippi river at Hannibal, Mo. There the wife remained working for the typographer following in a long line of people by hand power and not large enough to serve

moderate the entire outfit. During the trip the cattle were led by an old bull cow named Rose. She had learned to follow the wagons closely from the time they were started in the morning until the party went into camp at night. Two of the wagons were hauled on the ferry-boat which started to cross the river the subject of this review, then a drift, and a steer who was still younger having been left behind to herd the cattle. However, the bull cow Rose interfered with carefully laid plans and as the boat moved away in the water she started after it, followed by the rest of the herd. The mother stood in the stern of the ferry-boat and, seeing that it was impossible to turn the cattle back, waved to them eagerly and they bravely responded, but were carried down by the current a quarter of a mile below the ferry landing. Upon reaching the opposite shore Mrs. Kitchel hurried down the river and through her encouragement the cattle landed safely and she returned to the wharf with Rose and her other charges close behind. Gathering the possessions of the family together, Mr. Kitchel made his way to the old Winnelago Indian mission lands, where he lived for three years, then locating in Winneshiek county, Iowa. There he entered government land and built a log cabin in which the family lived for about five years. In 1846 Mr. Kitchel moved to Olmsted county, Minnesota, where he again took up his work as a farmer. The mother became this life while on a visit to a brother, and the father subsequently made his home with his children.

Prince Albert Kitchel acquired his education in a log schoolhouse with slab benches, pantheon floor and windows covered with greased paper. He remained with his parents until June 20, 1861, when he enlisted at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, in Company D, Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He served for four and one-half years and was an active participant in many of the greatest battles and movements of the war, the Second Minnesota being in almost continuous action during the great rebellion. He was under Sherman during the celebrated march to the sea and was present at the surrender of General Johnston at Raleigh, North Carolina, discharging his duty at all times in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the officers of his company. On July 20, 1865, he was honorably discharged and received one of service at Fort Snelling, and in that same year came to Jasper county, Iowa purchasing fifty acres of raw prairie land upon which he built a board cabin that was later superseded by a comfortable modern residence. As his resources increased he purchased more land and became the owner of a highly improved farm of one hundred and forty-five acres which he disposed of in 1890. From 1892 he has made his home at Collins, being now in the enjoyment of a well earned rest in which he is assisted after many years of useful labor.

In 1864 Mr. Kitchel was united in marriage to Mrs. Louisa Kuster of Jasper county, a daughter of Warren Kuster, a native of Allen county, Ohio. Five children blessed this union. Gertrude was the wife of Charles Darling of Ames, Iowa; Laura was Mrs. John Jackson, also

is in charge of the old Kitchel homestead in Jasper county; Edward, a farmer of Collins township; Catherine, the wife of Andrew Stevens, also of Collins township; and Warren A., who recently purchased his father's farm but is still living in Collins.

Politically Mr. Kitchel has been identified with the republican party ever since he cast his first ballot and he has great faith in its ability to direct the destinies of the republic. He is an earnest friend of education and served for several years as a member of the school board, being instrumental in the erection of several schoolhouses in Jasper county. Socially he is connected with the E. H. Keys Post, G. A. R., of Mingo, Iowa, and is well known in many parts of the state on account of his ability as a public speaker, being often called upon to address meetings of the old soldiers and of the pioneers. He is a stanch member of the Christian church, to which he gives a willing service, and it is doubtful whether any other citizen of Story county stands higher in the estimation of friends and acquaintances than does Prince Albert Kitchel.

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#### WILLIAM C. HARRIS.

Honored and respected by all, the passing of William C. Harris caused the deepest regret not only in Nevada, where he had spent several years in retirement, but throughout Story county, where for a quarter of a century he had made his home. In his lifetime the people of his state rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained and since his death have cherished his memory. He was born in Exeter, England, November 2, 1830, a son of John and Mary Harris, who spent their entire lives in England, where the father conducted a restaurant for many years.

William C. Harris, one of a family of five children, ran away from home at the age of sixteen years and went to sea, prompted by the spirit of adventure which leads so many boys to break away from the narrow confines of community life that they may know something of the world and seek the broader opportunities to be found elsewhere. A short experience on the sea satisfied him that he preferred another life. For six years he was a member of the English army and served in South Africa against the Boers and throughout the Crimean war, participating in the celebrated charge of the light brigade at Balaklava, a charge which Tennyson immortalized in his famous poem. With one exception, Mr. Harris was the last survivor of that charge. Soon after the Crimean war he came to the United States and with a team he traveled over much of this country. In early manhood he seemed of a restless, roving disposition and enjoyed seeing the different parts of the country and the experiences which came to him as he thus rode abroad. Finally, however, he determined to



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settle down and located at Marengo, Iowa county, Iowa. There he was married on the 16th of June, 1861, to Mrs. Elizabeth Reed Bale, who was born in England, December 28, 1830, and was reared in Devonshire. About 1852 she gave her hand in marriage to Hugh Bale and four years later they came to the United States, settling first in Cleveland, Ohio. Later they removed to Dayton, Ohio, and subsequently to Marengo, Iowa, where Mr. Bale passed away in 1860. He had been employed in connection with the plumbing at the State Asylum at Dayton and became the engineer there.

Following his marriage, William C. Harris engaged in farming in Iowa county but at length traded his property for a tract of land in Story county and removed here in March, 1875. He became owner of a farm of one hundred acres in Richland township, seven miles north of the courthouse, and afterward he added to his place eighty acres and also another tract of one hundred acres. Further investment made him the owner of four hundred and ninety-seven acres of rich and valuable land ere his retirement from business life in 1894, at which time he took up his abode in Nevada. He gave to each of his sons one hundred acres of land and to his wife a tract of ninety-five acres. He was very fortunate in his investments, his property increasing in value, so that he was able to turn over splendid holdings to his family.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harris there were born the following children: Charles William, now living in Nevada; Nellie, the wife of Walter Winkler, of California; Zella, the wife of John Dawson, of Audubon county, Iowa; Clifton, whose home is at McCallsburg; Clinton, living at Baxter Springs, Kansas; Bessie, the wife of Bruce McQuillin, of Cherokee, Iowa; and Clayton, also of McCallsburg, this county. By her first marriage Mrs. Harris had five children: Anna, the wife of Simon Armstrong, of Nevada; Mary, the wife of Joseph Hamman, of Davenport, Iowa; John, who died at the age of six years; Elias, who died at the age of eight months; and James, who died in infancy. Mrs. Harris lost two children in Dayton, Ohio, and one in Marengo, Iowa.

For six years prior to his death, Mr. Harris lived retired in Nevada, where he passed away on the 5th of October, 1900. After coming to Iowa he concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits and his capably conducted business affairs won him substantial success. As the years passed on he made a most creditable record as a judicious investor and energetic business man and at one time was one of the extensive land-owners of the county. In his later years, however, he divided his property among his wife and children. Mrs. Harris was ever a faithful helpmate to her husband. When they removed to Story county they settled upon the raw prairie north of Nevada, and they and their children all bent their energies toward the development of a farm and the accumulation of a goodly estate. Mr. Harris' early experiences in life as a sailor, as a

soldier and as a traveler over this country, stored his mind with many interesting incidents, from which he drew at will, making him an entertaining companion, and portions of which pertaining to his South African and Crimean campaigns he wrote up very interestingly and had published in the Nevada Representative.

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### JAMES E. HALE.

The business interests of Story county are ably represented by many of its energetic and prosperous citizens, among whom is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He is a native of this county, born in Collins township, December 17, 1872, and is the son of Anthony and Jane (Crouch) Hale. The father was born in England and the mother in Onondaga county, New York. Anthony Hale came to America with his parents at eighteen years of age. After his marriage in New York state he removed to Cook county, Illinois, and with his father engaged in farming and dairying on a place eighteen miles west of Chicago and drove daily to the city with milk. In 1871, on the day of the Chicago fire, he started in a wagon for Iowa, coming direct to Story county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land. He set vigorously to work and improved the property until about 1891, when he disposed of it at forty dollars per acre. It was the first farm that had been sold in that immediate section at an advanced price and the people of the neighborhood declared that forty dollars per acre was preposterous and altogether too high. However, it is not probable that this opinion prevails today, as the same land could not be purchased for less than one hundred and forty or one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. The father removed to the town of Nevada and later to State Center but is now living with his wife at Webster City. He is an earnest advocate of the republican party and while a resident of Story county was a prominent factor in its councils. He held various public offices and served for six years as a member of the board of county supervisors.

James E. Hale attended the district schools and continued with his parents until about twenty years of age, when the father having sold the home farm, the son started out for himself. After working for a year as a farm hand he began renting land and acquired sufficient capital to purchase eighty acres in Hamilton county, where he lived for two years. Having sold that land he purchased a farm in Story county and subsequently bought and sold considerable property in Collins and elsewhere and has acquired a handsome competence. He is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land three miles east of Collins, one hundred and sixty acres of which is in Story county and one hundred and sixty acres in Marshall county. In 1905 he became connected with N. F.

Miner, a Chicago grain merchant, as his agent at Collins, being placed in charge of the elevator. In August, 1906, he rented an elevator on his own account and has since engaged in the grain business, being now known as one of the extensive grain buyers of the county. He has exercised good judgment in business affairs and is recognized as one of the most substantial and progressive men of his locality.

On the 11th of June, 1894, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Mary McWhorter, of Collins township. His wife having died May 1, 1900, he was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Viola McWhorter, a sister of his first wife. Two children were born to this union: James, deceased; and Maude.

Mrs. Hale is a member of the Christian church and is a lady of admirable characteristics, which have made her a host of friends. Mr. Hale is a man of versatile talents, thoroughly energetic and capable in business affairs and has a reputation for faithfulness in the discharge of obligations and fidelity to principle which speaks in no uncertain terms as to his standing in the community. He gives his support to the republican party, and while he has not sought political honors he served for three years as mayor of Collins and is at the present time a member of the town council.

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### MARTIN T. WAULA.

Martin T. Waula, one of the old residents of Story county, was born in Norway on the 20th of December, 1851, in which country he spent his boyhood and acquired his education. At the age of sixteen years he decided to try his fortune in a new country, feeling assured that he would find greater opportunities and better advantages here, and in 1867 he came to the United States. On his arrival in this country he went to Tama county, Iowa, but only remained there one year, however, and then came to Nevada, Story county. Later he located in Roland, this county. His first real-estate investment in the United States was in eighty acres of land in Hamilton county, Iowa, and on selling that he bought one hundred and forty acres in Warren township, Story county, on which place he continues to reside.

Mr. Waula married Miss Anne Johnson and by this union were born the following children: Anna, Caroline, Clara and Otis. The family worship with the Lutheran denomination, with which the parents are identified by membership. Ever since his naturalization Mr. Waula has cast his vote with the republican party, feeling that its policy best serves the interests of the general public. He has always taken an active interest in local politics and is at present township assessor, which office he has held for eight years.

Although he was unfamiliar with the language and the customs of the people when he arrived in the United States he had an abundance of courage, which was always sustained by unwearied energy, perseverance and a definite purpose, and never at any time did he lose sight of the goal toward which he aspired, so that today he is regarded as one of the progressive and substantial citizens of the community where he resides and has made and retained the friendship of many of its best people. He owns one of the valuable farms of his township, which is well stocked, contains good improvements and its fields yield large and profitable harvests.

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### CHARLES M. SOPER.

Charles M. Soper, of Nevada, now serving as clerk of the district court and who for a number of years has been actively identified with public affairs, was born in Delaware county, New York, January 17, 1859. He is a son of James H. and Martha M. (Hobbs) Soper, both of whom were of English descent. His grandfather, Nelson Soper, belonged to the second generation of the family in the United States and was a soldier in the war of 1812. James H. Soper, the father, came to Boone county, Iowa, about 1873, where he purchased a farm, which he later sold, engaging in the mercantile business at Ames for several years. He departed this life at LeGrand, Iowa, in 1892, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a member of the Christian church and was a staunch supporter of the republican party. The mother of our subject was also a native of New York state. She died at the age of about twenty-two years, leaving one child that grew to maturity—the subject of this review.

Charles M. Soper received his preliminary education in the district schools, subsequently becoming a student at the State Agricultural College of Iowa, where he continued for eighteen months. He taught school one winter but, not being attracted to that vocation, was employed as book-keeper in various stores at Ames and also engaged in the general mercantile business, concluding his experience along this line by maintaining a men's furnishing goods store for three years. In 1898, having become well acquainted throughout the county, he was elected clerk of the district court and acceptably served in that capacity for four years. On retiring from that position he was appointed deputy clerk under C. P. McCord for a term of four years and then again became clerk of the district court, with Mr. McCord as his deputy. In the fall of 1910 he was reelected to the office for another period of four years. He has shown rare adaptability for a position which calls for good judgment and special training and is one of the most popular public officials in this part of the state.

On September 16, 1879, Mr. Soper was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Underwood, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, in 1861, and four



children have been born to them, two of whom, Orpha M. and Lester, died in infancy. Bernice M. is now assisting her father as deputy clerk, and Donald H. is a student in the public schools.

Mr. Soper is a man of gentlemanly address and pleasing personality, gaining friends readily wherever he is known. His extensive acquaintance with business affairs previous to his entering public office prepared him thoroughly for his new responsibilities and by the capable and conscientious discharge of his duties for a number of years he has gained in an unusual degree the confidence and good-will of the courts and the people. Politically he is identified with the republican party and fraternally with the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, being a stanch believer in the beneficent teachings of these organizations. Mrs. Soper, who has proved to her husband a helpful and loving companion, is an active worker in the Congregational church and is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, to which Mr. Soper also belongs.

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#### F. D. EDENBURN.

Among the new residents of Indian Creek township none has proven himself to be a greater acquisition to the community in which he now lives than F. D. Edenburn, who two years ago bought the old Veneman farm on which he has since lived. He was born in the capital city on the 5th of June, 1867, being therefore a native son of this state. His parents were John J. and Emeline (Shannon) Edenburn, both natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married, but soon after marriage they came west and settled in Des Moines, where they lived for several years. The father was a plasterer by trade and followed this occupation the greater part of his life. From Des Moines the family removed to Dallas county, Iowa, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives.

Mr. Edenburn was a very small boy when his parents removed to Dallas county and it was there he was reared, receiving his education in the common schools. During his boyhood and youth his time was quite equally divided between the task of the schoolroom, the work assigned by parental authority and the sports and amusements indulged in by all active young people. In 1899 he began farming as a renter, but by means of diligence and economy he saved sufficient capital to enable him to become a landowner in 1906, and he bought ninety-four acres of farming land in Greene county, Iowa. He only remained there one year, however, and then sold and bought eighty acres in Boone county. He had cultivated this but one year when he disposed of it and purchased eighty acres in another portion of the county. In February, 1909, he bought and moved to his present farm in Indian Creek township, this county, where he still resides. He is making a specialty of raising hogs and in this he has been very suc-

cessful, having some fine full blooded Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs upon his place at the present time.

Mr. Edenburn established a home of his own by his marriage on the 6th of January, 1906, to Miss Alice Riley, of Dallas county, a daughter of Michael and Mary (McGovern) Riley. Two children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edenburn: Harry J., now deceased; and Mabel Gertrude.

The family are communicants of the Catholic church. Since age conferred upon him the right of suffrage Mr. Edenburn has always cast his ballot with the democratic party, feeling its fundamental principles are best adapted to protect the united interests of the public at large. Although he never has taken any active part in politics, having devoted his time to his private interests rather than public, at the same time each election day finds him at the polls casting his vote for the candidates of his party. He has been a resident of this county only a short time but nevertheless he is highly esteemed and respected by all whom he has met in either a business or social way.

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#### P. T. NEWMAN.

Observation shows that some men are gifted with business talents much beyond the ordinary and make a financial success of almost everything they undertake. P. T. Newman of Slater has prospered as a farmer and is also one of the largest horse buyers in this section. Moreover, he is a railway contractor and has demonstrated his ability in other lines with gratifying results. He was born in Sweden, May 5, 1858, a son of Olaf and Catherine M. Newman. The family came to the United States early in the '60s, living for a number of years at Sweet Point, Iowa, now known as Madrid. In 1873 Mr. Newman removed to the prairie in Boone county, one and one-half miles northwest of Slater, where he purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land. He was very successful as a farmer and acquired additional land until, in company with his two sons, he owned between five and six hundred acres. He departed this life in Madrid in 1904, about two weeks after removing to the town. The mother is still living and makes her home in Madrid.

P. T. Newman was reared under excellent conditions for becoming thoroughly acquainted with all the details of agriculture and stock-raising, assisting about the house and in the fields when not attending the district schools. In the fall of 1879 he purchased eighty acres of land in Boone county, this being the last piece of prairie in that section. In 1880 he planted this land in flax and harvested eight hundred and forty bushels, which he sold at one dollar and five cents per bushel. He lived at home and farmed his land until after his marriage, when he located on his own

place. As opportunity presented he purchased additional property until he became the owner of a highly improved farm of two hundred acres, which he still cultivates. In 1893 he removed to Slater and built a grist-mill near the depot, which he operated for two and one-half years, then disposing of it to Nelson & Dueland. Subsequently he entered the livery business, building the present livery barn at Slater, but after five years he sold out in order to devote his attention more closely to the purchase and shipment of horses to the eastern markets. Since that time he has handled more than five thousand horses, being known as one of the largest buyers in this part of the state. He still has general supervision of his farm, upon which his son-in-law now lives. Recently he engaged as railroad contractor, having secured the contract for building the road-bed of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway through Cass county, and he has shown an ability in the management of this important enterprise which gives very satisfactory promise.

In 1884 in Boone county, Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Williamson, a native of Henry county, Illinois, and a daughter of William and Carrie Williamson, and to this union seven children have been born: Delia May, now the wife of O. A. Auestad, who is living upon Mr. Newman's farm; Carrie Edna, a teacher in the Kelley schools; Cecil C., Irene, Wilma, Orrin Jesner and Paul Carroll, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Newman owes his success to his energy, ambition and clear judgment. He is alert and enterprising, and business is to him a pleasure which yields golden rewards. In politics he is numbered among the progressive republicans. He has served two terms as mayor of Slater and has been a member of the town council, with the exception of two years, ever since he took up his residence in Slater. He and his family are identified with the Lutheran church and are active workers in behalf not only of the church but also of every worthy cause that aims to advance the welfare of this section.

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### WILLIAM E. MILLS.

One of the well known and progressive farmers of Indian Creek township is William E. Mills, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 26th of August, 1863. His parents, Edward C. and Levantia D. (Guy) Mills, were both natives of the state of New York, removing to Illinois with their respective parents when young. They were married in Ottawa, Illinois, in 1859, and then settled on a farm in La Salle county, where they continued to reside for eight years. In 1866 they came west locating on one hundred and sixty acres which they bought in Indian Creek township, this county. Here in 1876 Mr. Mills died but the family remained on the farm until 1900, when they removed to Maxwell, where Mrs. Mills passed away in 1907.

William E. Mills was but twelve years of age when his father passed away and when he was barely fourteen assumed the responsibility of conducting the home farm. He remained at home until 1891, when he decided to become a pharmacist and entered a drug store in Maxwell in order to learn the business. In the summer of 1893 he bought an interest in the store in which he was employed, but retained it only a short time, however, selling out the following spring and going to Pine Village, Indiana. He purchased a store in the latter place, which he continued to run until 1902, at which time he disposed of his interests there and, returning to Story county, bought a farm in Union township, near Elwell, upon which he lived for five years. He sold this farm in 1907 and bought his present place in Indian Creek township, where he has ever since resided.

On the 1st of October, 1893, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Maud V. Flickinger, a daughter of Levi and Catherine (Traxler) Flickinger, at that time residents of Maxwell but natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married, coming to Story county in 1869.

Mr. Mills follows diversified farming and raises the best breeds of stock, although he does not specialize. His fields are well tilled, his stock well cared for and his farm has the general appearance of being owned and conducted by a progressive, businesslike agriculturist.

He has long been a member of the Masonic fraternity and is at present identified with the Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M., and is a de-mitted member of the Royal Arch chapter. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and also holds membership in the Presbyterian church. Although he does not take any active interest in politics to the extent of seeking public office, Mr. Mills is a staunch adherent of the republican party, and each election finds him casting his ballot for the candidates of the same. His high principles, progressive spirit and unquestionable integrity make him a most desirable citizen, and it is needless to say that he is one of the highly respected and esteemed farmers of this county.

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#### HON. PARLEY SHELDON.

No history of Ames would be complete without extended reference to Hon. Parley Sheldon, now serving for the tenth term as mayor of the city. This, however, but indicates one line of his intense and well directed activity, which in many other avenues has constituted a force in the growth and progress of the community, as well as a source of individual success.

Parley Sheldon was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, about three miles from Cleveland on the 7th of June, 1844, a son of Parley and Elvira (Litch) Sheldon. His father, Parley Sheldon, Sr., was born in Jefferson county,



New York, in 1810, and when eighteen years of age became a resident of Ohio. In Cuyahoga county he married Elvira Litch, whose birth occurred in Vermont in 1809. She accompanied her parents to the Buckeye state in her early girlhood and following their marriage continued to reside upon the farm where the wedding was celebrated until they were called to their final rest.

Parley Sheldon, whose name introduces this record, spent his boyhood and youth upon the home farm until he espoused the Union cause during the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from which regiment he was honorably discharged in August, 1865. When the war was over he resumed his agricultural pursuits in Ohio and in addition to cultivating the fields turned his attention to the breeding of standard-bred trotting stock. He conducted that business extensively and became well known in that connection.

On the 27th of September, 1865, Mr. Sheldon was married to Miss Frances A. Judd, who was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, in 1845, and is a daughter of O. B. Judd. Their children are Bernice J. and Harriet E. The former was born January 5, 1867, and is the present cashier of the Story County Bank, which position he has held since his graduation at the Iowa State College in 1888. The latter was born November 27, 1869, and is now the wife of E. W. Hammer of Chicago.

Mr. Sheldon dates his residence in Iowa from 1874, when he arrived in Cedar county. In the spring of 1875 he became the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of land adjoining Ames on the south, brought his family to the new home and continued the breeding of horses, the feeding of cattle and hogs and general farming, giving to his business his personal attention until 1882, in which year he removed to Ames, and for three years thereafter was engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock.

The sterling qualities which Mr. Sheldon displayed in business naturally attracted the attention of his fellowmen and in the spring of 1883 he was elected to the city council, where his course was such that the following year witnessed his election to the mayoralty. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster under President Cleveland and served in that capacity until 1890, after which he was again elected mayor, filling the position until 1894. In that year he was again appointed postmaster and continued in that office until 1898, having served in the position altogether nine years. In the meantime he had turned his attention to banking, having in 1890 purchased the Story County Bank, which he has since conducted, and which is regarded as one of the leading financial institutions of Ames.

Mr. Sheldon has been a lifelong democrat. In 1902 he was a democratic nominee from the seventh district of Iowa for congress and in 1910 he was the democratic nominee for lieutenant governor and in both of these contests received the strong support of his fellow townsmen, showing that where he is best known he is most strongly supported. Broad-minded citizenship is displayed in the election and reelection of Mr. Sheldon to the



mayoralty. His fellow townsmen appreciate his worth and what he has done for the city. The greater part of the municipal improvements of Ames have been made under his administration, and he brings to the conduct of the duties of the office the same progressive spirit and earnest purpose which characterize him in his private business affairs. He has ever been deeply interested in the welfare and upbuilding of the community, and whether in office or out of it has labored earnestly for general progress and improvement. His business interests have largely been of a character that have contributed to growth and advancement. He is a man of irreproachable integrity in business affairs, and added to that he displays marked ability in the conduct of important interests.

He is a member of the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution through his ancestor Caleb Ellis, who served in a New Hampshire regiment through the entire struggle for American independence, participating in many of the important battles, including Bunker Hill, Ticonderoga and Lake Champlain and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne.

He has been treasurer of the independent school district of Ames since 1898 and is a stalwart champion of the cause of education and of intellectual progress. In fact, he stands at all times for progress and improvement; is a man of action rather than theory; and has been a leader in executing carefully formulated plans for the benefit of the city and community. He is today one of the strongest elements in the life of Ames—a man who, while successfully conducting business affairs, has fully recognized and met his obligations of citizenship and his responsibilities toward his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM KNIGHT BOARDMAN.

A man of ready resourcefulness and with genius for the management of intricate and important business affairs, William Knight Boardman was for a long period one of the most prominent and active citizens of Nevada and of Iowa, for his operations reached out into various sections of the state. He became recognized as an authority upon dairy and creamery projects and upon the subject of poultry raising, and he conducted an extensive produce business in Nevada, where he made his home until his death, which occurred December 26, 1910, in Los Angeles, California. His residence was erected in 1878, at No. 275 Locust street, and remains today as one of the fine homes of the city, so substantially was it built.

In far off New England the birth of William K. Boardman occurred, for he was a native of Troy, Vermont, born June 22, 1852. His parents were Norman and Lois (Knight) Boardman, natives of Vermont and of New York respectively. The father was engaged in the practice of law in the Green Mountain state and on coming to the middle west sought a home in Iowa. He became recognized as a prominent and influential resident of the community in which he lived and served for one term as state senator

from Clinton county, Iowa, about the close of the Civil war. He also filled the position of revenue collector of the second Iowa district under President Grant. His early political allegiance was given to the democratic party until the time of the Dred Scott decision, after which he joined the ranks of the republican party on its formation and remained one of its stalwart advocates until his demise. In his business affairs he was quite successful and became the owner of extensive and important interests. He died April 30, 1894, on the eighty-first anniversary of his birth, having long survived his wife, who passed away in Lyons, Iowa, in 1857. In their family were three children: Homer C., who is engaged in the real-estate and loan business at Okeene, Oklahoma; William K., of this review; and Charles D., of Chicago, who is president of the Boardman Land & Loan Company, he and his brother William owning a large amount of stock in the company in which Charles D. is serving as vice president.

William K. Boardman was but three years of age when his parents started with their family for Clinton county, Iowa. They traveled by rail as far as Sterling, Illinois, and drove across the country the remainder of the way until their destination was reached. He became a factor in the pioneer life of the community and remained a resident of Clinton county until 1871, when he went east for the completion of his education, entering Dean Academy at Franklin, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated two years later, or in 1873. He then returned to Lyons, now Clinton, Iowa, where he entered the clothing business in connection with William Buell under the firm name of Buell & Boardman. This relation was maintained until 1877, at which time Mr. Boardman came to Nevada. Here he continued in the same line of business, becoming a member of the firm of Ross & Boardman. He was thus actively associated with the commercial interests of Nevada until 1879, when he sold out. In February, 1879, he was joined by his brother H. C. Boardman in the conduct of a produce business, which was carried on under the firm style of Boardman Brothers until 1902, when they sold out. In the previous spring William K. Boardman was stricken with paralysis, which incapacitated him for the active management of business affairs. At one time the Boardman Brothers were the owners of eight creameries in Iowa and also of four poultry ranches in different parts of the state, including a creamery and a poultry ranch at Nevada. In 1882 they erected a large cold storage building in Nevada, which was one of the first if not the first in the state. They are both recognized as men of resourceful business ability and an enterprising spirit carried them into important connection with various profitable undertakings which constituted an element in the growth and prosperity of the communities in which they operated as well as in their individual success. At length, however, disease in a measure cut short the active business career of William K. Boardman. Throughout his active business life, however, he had done much that constituted an element in the county's growth and development and he was entitled to wide recognition as one whose labors

were extremely beneficial to the county. He was a director of the Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, with which he was thus associated for many years. He was also at one time president of the Iowa Dairy Association, was president of the National Butter Makers Association, vice president of the National Dairy Union, one of the trustees of the State Agricultural College at Ames for a term, and was state dairy commissioner for four years.

In 1877 Mr. Boardman was married to Miss Addie H. Henningsen, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, January 6, 1857, and there resided until 1865, when she removed from Sabula to Lyons with her parents, Hon. B. H. A. and Mrs. Henningsen. Her father was a capitalist and a man of affairs at Lyons, and it was there that the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Boardman was celebrated. They became the parents of two children: Frank Mead, now manager of the Independent Telephone Company of Story county and a resident of Nevada; and Lois Knight, at home.

Mr. Boardman was numbered among the charter members of the Knights of Pythias lodge and of the Modern Woodmen camp of Nevada. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. While he was never a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term, he was twice elected to the city council, of which he was a member when taken ill. Success attended him in his business ventures, enabling him to spend the winter seasons in California or in other districts where there is a more salubrious climate than can be found in Iowa.

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### HENRY WOLFFE BOWERS, M. D.

Although it is less than a year since Dr. Henry W. Bowers began practice in Nevada he has been remarkably successful and the outlook is exceedingly encouraging as to his future career. Born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1882, he is the son of George A. and Alice B. (Hershey) Bowers, both of whom are natives of the Keystone state. The father devoted his active life to farming and attained a goodly measure of success. He and his wife are now living retired at Biglerville, Pennsylvania, the former having reached the age of fifty-four years, while the latter is three years his junior. They are both members of the German Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Bowers has been in sympathy with the democratic party during the greater part of his life, although he is also an earnest advocate of prohibition.

The fourth in a family of thirteen children, Henry W. Bowers was reared under the paternal roof, remaining at home until sixteen years of age and assisting to the extent of his ability in the work upon the home farm. He received his preliminary education in the district schools, later

attending Hanover Academy at Hanover, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1900. He taught school for a time after entering the academy and also after his graduation but came to the conclusion that he would devote his energies to a professional career. Accordingly he went to Philadelphia in 1902 and entered a drug store, at the same time studying pharmacy and attending lectures in the Medico-Chirurgical College, graduating from that celebrated institution with the degree of Ph. G. in 1905. He then took up a medical course at the same college, which he pursued for three years, at the end of which time he went to Denver, Colorado, and entered the medical department of the Denver University, graduating with honors and receiving the degree of M. D. in 1909. In recognition of special talent as a student he received the appointment of interne or house physician of St. Luke's Hospital of Denver, one of the most noted hospitals of the west, which position he filled for one year, gaining an experience that has been invaluable to him in his practice.

In April, 1910, Dr. Bowers located for general practice in Nevada. He is an untiring student and a close observer, and his success has been largely due to his ability to make a practical application of his knowledge. He keeps thoroughly informed as to the latest discoveries and developments in medicine and surgery and is a constant reader of the best medical magazines and reviews as well as of standard works relating to his profession. He is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society and the Story County Medical Society and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has many friends in these organizations and also in the community where he lives. Having made a thorough preparation for his profession under some of the greatest physicians and surgeons of America, he is well qualified to discharge his duties and today it is doubtful whether any other professional man in this part of the state has a more promising future than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

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#### WILLIAM VASEY.

Beginning as a farm hand, William Vasey, of Collins township, by energy, enterprise and sound business judgment has become one of the wealthy citizens of Story county. He was born in Yorkshire, England, April 22, 1849, son of Richard and Rebecca (Anderson) Vasey, both of whom were also natives of Yorkshire. In 1861 the family emigrated to this country and the father engaged in farming in Jacksonville, Illinois, until 1887, when he removed to Story county, Iowa. Several of his sons had preceded him to this county and were greatly pleased with the outlook as to its agricultural possibilities. Shortly after his arrival the father purchased eighty acres across the line in Jasper county, where he resided



until his death, which occurred in 1868, having then arrived at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother departed this life seven years later. They were prominent members of the Baptist church and were highly esteemed by all who knew them.

William Vasey came to the United States with his parents in his thirteenth year, and from the time of his arrival in this country was able to do a man's work behind the plow. However, he attended the district schools and received the foundation of an education, which he has greatly broadened by observation and reading during the years that have since elapsed. He came to Story county in 1868 and began work as a farm hand, showing an interest in his work which gave bright promise as to his future. At the age of twenty-three he was married and soon afterward removed to Peoria, Polk county, Iowa, where he had purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the limits of Peoria but located in Story county. He lived in the town and cultivated the farm for two years and then purchased a farm in Jasper county near the lines of Polk and Story counties, upon which he took up his residence. He managed this place with such ability that in 1887 he was able to purchase three hundred and twenty acres in Collins township, Story county, which he has since made his home. He has been remarkably successful and now owns seven hundred and fifty acres, three hundred and twenty of which are located in Eden township, Marshall county, six miles east of his home farm. He has dealt extensively in cattle, which he has fed upon a large scale and has also been unusually successful in handling farm lands. He is still actively engaged in business and his judgment is regarded by his neighbors and friends as conclusive on subjects pertaining to agriculture and live stock.

In the spring of 1872 Mr. Vasey was united in marriage to Miss Ana Oxley, a native of England, and daughter of John Oxley, who after coming to this country lived in Maryland and Illinois and about 1860 located in Story county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Vasey ten children have been born, namely: John, a farmer of Collins township; Charles, a member of the firm of Vasey Brothers, lumber dealers of Collins; Henry, a practicing attorney of Nevada, Iowa; Jesse, of Los Angeles, California; Raleigh and Chauncy, at home; Arthur, a member of the firm of Vasey Brothers of Collins; Alma, wife of Euclid H. Harsh, a farmer of Jasper county; Clara, now Mrs. Arthur Hands, of Collins; and Ethel, at home. Mr. Vasey was called upon to meet the greatest sorrow of his life in the death of his beloved companion in August, 1896. She was a member of the Methodist church and possessed many estimable qualities of mind and heart that greatly endeared her to all with whom she was associated.

Mr. Vasey is not identified with any religious denomination but he is a staunch believer in Christianity and is a liberal contributor to church and charitable purposes. Politically he prefers to be independent, voting for the man rather than for the party. He has few superiors in lines of agriculture and stock raising, to which he has devoted the best energies of his



life, and it is doubtful whether any man in his locality is a better judge of the productive capability or the value of land. Without aid from others, depending upon his own strong arms and an unalterable determination to win, he forged his way to an independent position financially and is now accorded the respect that rightfully belongs to one who has fought and won in the great battle of life.

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#### PROFESSOR ALFRED ALLEN BENNETT.

Professor Alfred Allen Bennett is numbered among those who have won for the Iowa State College its splendid reputation as a strong center of learning. His labors have been an element in the growth of the school and his ability as an instructor is widely acknowledged. Under his guidance the chemistry department has been built up and developed until it is today one of the strong departments of the school, having an enrollment of about eight hundred pupils at a time. Thorough university training qualified Professor Bennett for his work in this connection and for twenty-six years he has been one of the capable professors at Ames.

A native of New Hampshire, Professor Bennett was born in the town of Milford, in 1850, a son of Rodolphus D. and Mary (Woodard) Bennett, the former born in Groton, Massachusetts, in 1816, and the latter in Merrimack, New Hampshire, in 1820. Their entire lives were spent in the east. In 1856 they went to Ohio with the idea of remaining and Mr. Bennett purchased a farm, but after a few months they returned to New England and both died in New Hampshire, the father passing away in Milford, while the mother's death occurred in Manchester. Each was sixty-eight years of age at the time of demise. Mr. Bennett had followed farming through the greater part of his life but spent his last years in honorable and well earned retirement in Milford.

Professor Bennett, the third in order of birth in a family of six children, resided with his parents until eighteen years of age, during which period he attended the village and country schools. Better educational advantages were afterward afforded him, however, and he became a student in the Massachusetts Normal School at Bridgewater, where he completed the course in 1871. He entered upon the profession of teaching at Carver Green, Massachusetts, where he spent a half year, while later he was for two years principal of a grammar school in Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1873 he matriculated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and on the conclusion of a four years' course was graduated in 1877 with the Bachelor of Science degree. Nearly a year had been given to post graduate work and after his university course was completed he engaged in teaching for two and one-half years in Michigan as a member of the faculty of the military academy at Orchard Lake. He then returned to the univer-

sity, where he studied for two-thirds of a year, doing special work in chemistry and botany. He next accepted a position in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he taught for two and one-half years, after which he spent two years as professor of chemistry and physics in the University of Chicago.

In July, 1885, he came to Ames, where he has since continued, being professor of chemistry in the Iowa State College throughout the interim of twenty-six years. President Stanton and General Lincoln are the only ones now connected with the college that were here at the time of Professor Bennett's arrival, together with Professor Herman Knapp, who was an assistant professor at that time. Professor Bennett, therefore, ranks fourth in the period of service in the college and he is accorded a high position among the educators of the state. His authorship includes two books on general chemistry, which he has published since becoming connected with the Iowa State College, and he has also written many articles on chemistry which have appeared in different periodicals. His first work, published in two volumes, on Inorganic Chemistry appeared in 1892 and a second edition in 1894. His work on General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis was published in 1908. There were about one hundred students in his department when Professor Bennett became connected with the school and he had one assistant or laboratory instructor. There are now about eight hundred students, with two associate professors and seven other instructors. Every graduate of the institution has to take at least one year's work in chemistry.

In 1878 Professor Bennett was married to Amelia E. Chapin, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and their home is the center of a cultured society circle. They have won many friends during their residence in Ames not only among their fellow citizens but among the pupils who have come under Professor Bennett's instructions.

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### OLE J. OLSON.

A substantial element in the citizenship of Roland is that which has been furnished by Norway. From the land of the midnight sun have come many who have proven loyal to American interests in this locality. Their diligence and enterprise has contributed to the development of the wonderful resources of the county and to business progress, while in matters of citizenship they manifest a patriotic spirit. To this class belongs Ole J. Olson, who is now living retired after many years' identification with agricultural interests in Howard township.

He was born in Norway, January 8, 1843, and is a son of Andrew and Julia Olson. The mother died in her native country when her son was only seven years of age, and the father afterward came to the United States



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with his three sons, making his way to Chicago. Two years later they were joined by two daughters of the family. Andrew Olson spent three years in Chicago and afterward went to Goodhue county, Minnesota, where he secured a claim. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit which brought him immediate returns for his labor. His last days were spent with his children and he died in Story county at the home of his son Jeremiah in 1877. His family numbered five children of whom Ole J. Olson is the youngest. The others are: Marcalius, of Story City; Julia, who is the widow of Abel Olson, a resident of Story county, living southeast of Roland; Jeremiah, who is living in Howard township; and Malinda, who became the wife of John Evanson and died in Roland.

Ole J. Olson was a lad of eleven years when he arrived in Chicago and almost immediately he sought employment, which he secured in lathing houses. At fourteen years of age he went to Wisconsin, where he began working by the month as a farm hand, and in 1863 he came to Story county, Iowa, where he invested the money that he had saved from his earnings in a tract of one hundred acres of prairie land a mile west and a mile and a half north of Roland. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of this place, carefully tilled his fields and in time brought the farm under a high state of cultivation. As the years passed he also added to his holdings until he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in the home place on sections 3 and 10, Howard township, while his wife also owns ninety acres elsewhere in the same township. Year by year he carried on the work of the farm and annually gathered good crops, for his methods of cultivating the fields were practical. He secured modern machinery to facilitate his work and introduced modern improvements upon the farm, where he lived until a year ago, when he retired from active business life with a substantial competence and is now living in Roland.

On the 11th of July, 1868, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Helen Hill, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 18th of December, 1848. She lived for ten years in Kendall county, Illinois, and then came to Story county in 1860. Her parents were Henry and Christina (Erickson) Hill, both natives of Norway. They came to the United States in June, 1848. The father had previously spent five years in this country, after which he returned to Norway, was married and remained a resident of his native land through the succeeding two years. He then took his wife to Illinois in 1848 and his death occurred in that state. A year after his death Mrs. Hill was married, in December, 1850, to Knudt Thompson, and in 1860 they removed to Iowa, their remaining days being passed in Story county.

By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Olson were born eight children. The first two were named John Henry and both died in infancy. The others of the family are as follows: Julia Ann, who died at the age of five years; Christina Amelia, who became the wife of Martin Johnson and passed



away two years later; Julia Ann, who was the second of the name and died in 1905 at the age of twenty-seven years; Andrew Cornelius, who died when ten years of age; Jane Matilda, the wife of George G. Norbeck, of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Henrietta Mabel, the wife of Simon Simonson, of Newman, Nebraska.

The family are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Olson is a republican in his political views. He has held school and road offices but has never been a politician in the sense of seeking political preferment. His time and energies were for many years given almost exclusively to the work of the farm, and his close application, perseverance and business integrity constituted forces in the substantial success which he has achieved.

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### JOHN M. CHRISTIAN.

John M. Christian was born in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 27th of March, 1871, a son of Ole and Julia (Twedt) Christian, both of whom were natives of Norway, the father being born in that country on the 17th of November, 1842, and the mother on the 24th of that month in the following year. Ole Christian came to the United States with his parents when he was five years old and located in Kendall county, Illinois, where he acquired his education and grew to manhood. In 1879 he came to Story county, Iowa, and settled on a farm, remaining a resident of this county during the remainder of his life. He was a very capable and industrious man and his careful regard of details and discretion in the conduct of his business enabled him to acquire fourteen hundred acres of land. He was held in high regard by the business men of the county not alone because of his sagacity but by reason of his personal worth. He married Julia Twedt and unto them were born the following children: Cass, a resident of Minnesota; Tom, who also lives in Minnesota; John M., our subject; Albert, living in Roland, Iowa; Charlie, residing in McCallsburg, Story county; Henry, a resident of Milford township, Story county; Olaf, who also lives in Milford township; Alice, the wife of Ely Morrison; Emma, who married Ed Erickson; and Jane, the widow of Henry Erickson. The family worshiped with the Lutheran denomination, the parents being communicants of that church. The father passed away on the 10th of March, 1910, at the age of sixty-seven years, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Roland, Iowa.

John M. Christian was a lad of only eight years when his parents settled in Story county, so that the greater part of his life has been spent in the Hawkeye state. He attended school before leaving Illinois but the major portion of his education was obtained in the district schools of Warren township, this county. His early life was as uneventful as that of the average boy living in the country. When he had acquired sufficient

education to enable him to undertake his life work, which he had already decided should be farming, the task of the schoolroom gave way to the work of the field and from that time until he reached his majority he assisted his father on the old homestead. In 1892 he began working for himself and cultivated a farm which he had rented. He continues to lease land and now has one hundred and sixty acres which he operates.

Mr. Christian selected for his wife Miss Helen Jondahl, a daughter of Hans Jondahl, who is a native of Norway and came to Story county more than forty years ago. Here Mrs. Christian was born. Mr. Jondahl became a resident of this county on the 26th of June, 1870, and worked at the carpenter's trade but later followed farming as well. There were twelve children in his family, of whom the following are still living: Henry; Sam, living in Howard township; Malenda, the wife of Joe Dewey; Carrie, who married Ed Joam; Bertha, who became the wife of Cass Christian; Helen, the wife of John M. Christian; and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Christian have become the parents of six children, June, Hansell, Manon, Cleo, Frank, and Olive.

The family attend the Lutheran church, the parents holding membership therein. Mr. Christian is affiliated with the republican party but does not take an active part in politics, never having been an office seeker. He has been a resident of Story county for thirty-one years, during which period he has won many friends whose regard he retains.

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### MADISON C. ALLEN.

No matter in how much fantastic theorizing one may indulge concerning the causation of success, careful reflection will prove that advancement in any field of endeavor comes through earnest purpose and indefatigable energy, intelligently directed. These are the qualities which have made Madison C. Allen one of the prominent real-estate dealers of Nevada, where for many years he has conducted a real-estate and abstract office.

He was born in Midway, Madison county, Ohio, June 22, 1843, a son of Vincent and Eleanor (Chappell) Allen, who were likewise natives of Madison county, the former born March 27, 1818, and the latter June 18 of the same year, and during their entire lives they resided in the county of their nativity, where the mother passed away at London in March, 1893. At the time of the Civil war Vincent Allen responded to the country's call for aid in July, 1862, and was commissioned as first lieutenant in Company K, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and after its surrender went with the army under General Sherman which was sent to look after the Confederate forces near Jackson, Mississippi, under General Johnson, that had been giving General Grant some trouble during that siege. During the march Mr. Allen was taken ill

with malarial fever and died July 19, 1863, being buried near Black River Bridge. During his entire business life he had followed merchandising as the proprietor of a general store in the village of Midway and was also a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. He also engaged occasionally in land surveying as a recreation and pastime.

Unto Vincent and Eleanor Allen were born seven children: Josephine E., now deceased, married James S. Core, who was a member of the same company as Vincent Allen and who died in less than two months after the death of his father-in-law. Madison C. is the second of the family. Creighton was killed at Lookout Mountain, November 24, 1863, when but eighteen years of age, while defending the Union as a member of Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Lucretia P. married George R. Hill and is now deceased. Samuel W. passed away after having reached his majority. Sarah M. is the widow of Cornelius Tway and now resides near Dudley, Wapello county, Iowa. Frances A., now deceased, married Charles E. Holt.

To the public school system of his native village of Midway, Madison C. Allen is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. He was but eighteen years of age when, on the 20th of September, 1861, he offered his services to the government and became a member of Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Chase, Ohio, his younger brother Creighton enlisting with him. The company was commanded by Captain James Watson. Mr. Allen served for eight and one half months, when he was honorably discharged for physical disability June 3, 1862. He then took up the study of law with ex-Congressman R. A. Harrison of London and was admitted to the bar at Delaware, Ohio, June 21, 1864. During the fall and winter of 1864-65 he taught a five months term of school in the first district north of Midway and in the spring and summer of 1865 he taught a four months term in Midway.

On April 6, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Beers, of London, who was born November 7, 1845, in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and went to Ohio when but two years of age with her parents, James G. and Hannah D. (Littleton) Beers. They made their home in Midway until the 10th of October, 1865, when they left London, Ohio, for Nevada, Iowa, and arrived there on the 21st, where they have since continuously resided. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Allen five children were born: Jessie M., the wife of Harry A. Stutson, of Dayton, Ohio; Fred B., who died at the age of two years; Mamie L., the wife of B. F. Ambrose of Nevada, Iowa; Arthur C., also of Nevada; and Mattie Louise, a graduate in the class of 1908 of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and now teaching school.

For the first two years in Story county Mr. Allen filled the position of deputy surveyor under his uncle W. G. Allen, who had been elected to the office of county surveyor. For the next two terms Madison C. Allen was elected to that office and later, by appointment and election, he filled the

same office several times. He has been engaged in the real-estate business since 1868 and for the past ten years has given considerable attention to the business of abstracter of land titles and thinks he has the best set of abstract books in Story county. During the forty-two years connection with real-estate operations here he has handled much valuable property. He is regarded as authority upon real-estate investments, valuations and titles.

On the 12th of June, 1889, Mr. Allen lost his right arm at the shoulder joint as the result of having been kicked by his horse eighteen months or two years previously. In politics he has been a lifelong republican and voted for Abraham Lincoln at his second election. He has served in several official positions, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He served as justice of the peace for more than sixteen years and has held the offices of city recorder, councilman and mayor and has united in marriage more than one hundred couples. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He has ever regarded a public office as a public trust and no trust reposed in Madison C. Allen has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He exercises his official prerogatives in support of many progressive measures and as Nevada's chief executive gave to the city a businesslike administration. He is now the president of the Story County Independent Telephone Company. He belongs to the order of the Knights of Pythias and has a record such as few men possess, being a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution, his great-grandfather, Ananias Allen, having been a captain in the Second Regiment of Sussex county, New Jersey, militia in the Revolutionary war. The same spirit of patriotism which prompted his enlistment in his youthful days in defense of the Union has been manifest throughout his entire life in his loyalty to his country.

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#### A. C. ALLEN.

A. C. Allen needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has been a lifelong resident of Nevada, where his birth occurred on the 30th of July, 1876. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools and passing through consecutive grades was graduated from the high school with the class of 1895. Later he did special work for three years in Cornell College of Iowa and since 1897 he has worked on abstract books and since the 7th of April, 1909, has engaged in the abstract business on his own account. He has proven his worth in the business world and enjoys the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact through the conduct of his business affairs.

In 1899 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. White, who was born in Nevada, Iowa, June 28, 1877, and is a daughter of John W. and



Eliza (Hayman) White. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living at Fort Morgan, Colorado. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Allen has been born an interesting little daughter, Jessie May, now nine years of age.

In his political views Mr. Allen is an earnest republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Commercial Club, formed to promote the interests of the city, and he is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Sons of Veterans, the Masonic lodge and chapter of Nevada, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. The name of Allen has long been closely and prominently interwoven with the history of Nevada, and he whose name introduces this record is carrying on the good work instituted by his father, who remains today as one of the leading and valued citizens of Story county.

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### MILTON WALLACE TEMPLETON.

The agricultural interests of Franklin township are well represented by Milton Wallace Templeton, who carries on general farming and stock-raising on section 12, Franklin township, where he has lived for twenty-one years. He has a good farm, on which are found all modern improvements, and the place presents a neat and thrifty appearance.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Templeton was born in Greenfield, March 29, 1852, his parents being William and Jane (McElroy) Templeton. His father was born in Pennsylvania, September 9, 1809, and the mother in Ohio, March 6, 1817. They were married in the latter state and there resided until the fall of 1855, when they removed westward to Peoria, Illinois, where they spent the winter. In the spring of 1856 they resumed their journey to Story county, Iowa, arriving here in the month of June. After a brief period they took up their abode in Palestine township, six miles south of Ames, and their remaining days were passed in Palestine and Washington townships. The father in 1855 entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, constituting the southwest quarter of section 26, Washington township. He worked diligently and persistently in the cultivation of his fields and his labors wrought for success, so that in time he became the owner of a valuable property. He likewise proved a worthy citizen through his capable and faithful discharge of the duties of office. He served at different times as justice of the peace, as assessor, trustee and school officer. His early political support was given to the whig party, and later he joined the republican party, voting that ticket when there was only one other republican in the township. He died in November, 1885, while his wife passed away April 27, 1890. Thus the county lost two of its worthy pioneer people, who had not only been witnesses of the growth and development of this part of the state but had taken an active part in its progress and improvement. Their family numbered seven children: Elizabeth New-



ell, the deceased wife of J. J. Wiltse; Dr. H. M., of Ames; Ella A., also of Ames; Milton W.; Henrietta F., who became the wife of O. T. Hill and died May 21, 1889; P. J., of Washington township; and W. F., who is living in the same township.

Milton W. Templeton was but four years of age when his parents arrived in Story county and since that time he has lived in the western tier of townships and has been closely associated with the development of that section. He continued with his parents until his marriage in 1878 and then began farming on his own account. That he has prospered as the years have gone by is indicated in the fact that he is now the owner of three hundred and two acres of rich land in two adjoining farms in Franklin and Milford townships, having one hundred and forty-two acres in the latter and one hundred and sixty acres in the former. He has lived upon his present farm for twenty-one years, devoting his energies toward the cultivation of the fields and to stock-raising. He is a breeder of Percheron horses and registered, high grade stock, including shorthorn cattle. All of the modern improvements upon his farm have been placed there by him and two years ago he erected a pleasant residence of attractive style of architecture and supplied with all of the conveniences and comforts of the present day. In addition to his farming interests he is a director of the Farmers Fire and Lightning Mutual Insurance Company and a director of the Gilbert Grain Company. He is also president of the West Milford Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers, and is vice president of the Story County Insurance Company, being acting president at the present time.

On the 31st of October, 1878, Mr. Templeton was married to Miss Helen M. Lewis, who was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, July 6, 1855, and the following year was taken to Buchanan county, Iowa, by her parents, Henry T. and Sarah A. (Johnson) Lewis, who removed thence to Story county in 1876. Her father was a soldier of the Civil war, serving in Company G, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Mrs. Templeton engaged in teaching school for a number of terms prior to her marriage. She pursued a normal course at Cornell College and was the first teacher at Kelley, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Templeton were born three children, but Charles H., who was born July 25, 1879, died July 21, 1880. Milton Elroy was married June 7, 1905, to Mabel Sawyer and they have one child, Le Roy, born July 31, 1907. William Bennett is at home with his parents.

In politics Mr. Templeton has always been an earnest republican. His father took an active part in conducting the underground railroad in Ohio in ante-bellum days and when the republican party was organized to prevent the further extension of slavery joined its ranks, so that Milton W. Templeton was reared in that faith. His mature judgment has sanctioned its policy and its purposes and he has remained a strict adherent of its principles. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his public spirit and personal worth, have elected him to the positions of trustee and assessor, and he has also served as justice of the peace. Fraternally he is connected with the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Gilbert and the Yeomen at Ames, and he also belongs to the Congregational church at Gilbert. For about fifty-five years he has been a witness of the development and progress of this county, as its wild lands have been converted into fine farms, as towns and cities have been builded and as the work of progress has been carried forward along many lines. He is in entire sympathy with the onward movement and his cooperation has been given to various measures for the general good.

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### O. S. BOYD.

O. S. Boyd is identified with the financial interests of Story county as assistant cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Roland and with the agricultural interests of the community as the owner of one hundred and forty-three acres of valuable land adjoining the town on the east. He also has other business interests and is regarded as an enterprising man who is ready to meet the demands of the hour in every relation, proving his worth in citizenship as well as in business circles.

He is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred on a farm two and a half miles northeast of Roland, on the 20th of December, 1873. He was the eldest of four children of J. H. and Julia (Duca) Boyd, both of whom were natives of Grundy county, Illinois, born near Lisbon. They were of Norwegian lineage and the mother came to Story county with her parents when but three years of age. The father was a young man when he arrived in this locality and they were married here in 1871. His death occurred in October, 1884, when he was but thirty-seven years of age. His widow afterward became the wife of Chris Logan and now resides about four miles northwest of Roland. The children of the first marriage are: O. S., of this review; Martha, the wife of the Rev. John M. Mason, pastor of the United Lutheran church of America, now located at Watrous, Saskatchewan, Canada; Rachel, who died at the age of seven years; and Josie, the wife of O. P. Teig, a farmer living a mile south of Roland.

O. S. Boyd has spent his entire life in Story county and supplemented his early education by a four years' course at the State Agricultural College at Ames, from which he was graduated in 1898, the degree of Bachelor of Science being then conferred upon him. Turning his attention to educational pursuits he served as superintendent of the schools of Roland for two years. He then became connected with mercantile interests, being associated with H. C. Duca and T. C. Jacobson in partnership for three years under the firm name of Duca, Jacobson & Boyd. On the 1st of April, 1904, he accepted his present position as assistant cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Roland and in 1905 was elected one of its directors. He is also interested in a fire insurance company and derives a substantial income



O. S. BOYD



from his farm of one hundred and forty-three acres which adjoins the corporation limits of Roland on the east. He is a young man of good business ability, displaying special aptitude for successful management, and the progress that he has already made seems to promise further advancement for the future.

On the 7th of December, 1900, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Gaard, a native of Story county and a daughter of R. K. Gaard, of Roland. In 1902, however, Mr. Boyd was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 25th of August, leaving many friends. On the 19th of October, 1905, Mr. Boyd was joined in wedlock to Miss Olive Hegland, a native of this county and a daughter of O. O. Hegland, of Roland. There is one child of this marriage, Paula.

Aside from business affairs Mr. Boyd takes an active part in the public interests of the community and is accounted one of the popular and progressive citizens. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he has never sought nor desired office in political lines he has done official service in various other connections. For five years he served as school treasurer and for the past seven years has been secretary and manager of the Roland Lecture Course Association whereby the town has been furnished many delightful entertainments. While at Ames he did special work in vocal music, possessing naturally a fine tenor voice, and he has since been a popular solo singer of his part of the county. He is a member and chorister of the United Lutheran church and was director of the Fortress Choral Union, which held its song fest in Marshalltown in 1910. His musical talent and ability as a director make him a valuable factor in all those circles where music is a feature of entertainment, and he has done much to promote musical taste in the city where he resides.

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#### FRANK D. THOMPSON.

Investigation into the history of Story county brings to light the fact that Frank D. Thompson has borne an important part in the work of public progress. There are found many tangible evidences of his public spirit and enterprise, and moreover he deserves the recognition that should be accorded a self-made man whose business principles and actions are based upon the rules that govern unabating energy and strict, unswerving integrity, prompted in life by a laudable ambition. He took up the study of law without an instructor and in due time so thoroughly mastered the principles of jurisprudence that he secured admission to the bar. In the practice of law and the conduct of a real-estate business and as an incumbent in office, he has made a record which is creditable alike to himself and to the city of his adoption.



Mr. Thompson was born on a farm in Berlin township, Erie county, Ohio, December 13, 1835, and is a son of Jason K. and Eliza Ann (Frisby) Thompson, who were natives of Poultney, Vermont. They reared five children, James, Emily, Frank D., Frederic and Amos, Frank D. being now the only survivor.

The youthful days of Frank D. Thompson were spent upon the home farm in his native county. He early became familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields. In 1860, when twenty-five years of age, he left Ohio for Story county, Iowa, where he arrived on the 30th of September. Here he has since made his home. He had been a pupil in the district school and in the high school of Berlin Heights. When seventeen years of age he began teaching. He afterward followed that profession in the winter season and in the summer months continued his own education. Subsequently he attended Oberlin College and later was principal of the graded school of Milan, Ohio. He began reading law at his paternal home, procuring his books from Judge Taylor, of Milan, Ohio, thereby gaining a knowledge that secured his admission to the bar in 1860. In his first trial before a justice of the peace, in which he was opposed by an old and established attorney, he won his suit.

Deciding to come west, Mr. Thompson came to Nevada, Iowa, being influenced by an old friend and attorney, George A. Kellogg, with whom he took up the study of Iowa law. During the year his fees were scant and he gave his note as part payment for board. Practice being light, he returned to teaching in the Nevada school a part of the year to help out his income.

After two years, Mr. Thompson married in November, 1862, Miss Abby N. Price, of Nevada, a native of Muscatine, Iowa. They continued residents of Nevada until in February, 1864, when he enlisted in defense of the Union, in Company D, Twelfth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After one month's service in his regiment he was detailed for service at the headquarters of General A. J. Smith, commander of the Sixteenth Army Corps, and acted as his chief clerk until honorably discharged on the 5th of September, 1865, on surgeon's certificate of disability. He joined his wife and baby at his paternal home in Ohio, enjoying needed rest. In November they returned to their home in Nevada.

In the spring of 1866, Mr. Thompson entered into a partnership with Captain T. C. McCall, under the firm name of McCall & Thompson, for the conduct of a real estate and law business. This partnership remained mutually pleasant and profitable for seventeen years, during this time, in addition to his extensive court practice, he was employed as pension attorney for about two thirds of the soldiers of Story county, who sought remuneration from the government for back pay, bounty and pensions.

In 1889, Mr. Thompson was appointed postmaster at Nevada by President Harrison. He continued postmaster for about five years. At one time he was elected county superintendent of schools but resigned for want of

time to visit the schools, feeling that he could not discharge all the duties of the office.

In 1876 and 1877, during the time of the erection of the present courthouse, when Mr. Thompson was county attorney (appointed by the board of supervisors), there were several important mechanic liens filed and sought to be foreclosed against the county. He was successful in his defense, both in the district court and in the supreme court on their appeal. He was subsequently elected prosecuting attorney for the county but during the latter part of the term resigned on account of ill health.

He has always taken a very active and helpful part in matters pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of the town. He served several terms as a member of the city council and also two terms as mayor, in which connection his businesslike and public-spirited administration brought about a number of valuable reforms and improvements, including its transition from an incorporated town to a city of the second class. He compiled the revised ordinances of the city in 1900, was one of the original trustees of the Nevada public library, and has ever since been chairman of its finance committee, and vice president of the board, the legal adviser and an active member of the board during the erection of the present library building. While serving as a member of the city council he took an active part in developing the water-works system for fire protections and to be owned and controlled by the city. He has acted as attorney for the incorporated town and solicitor for the city.

Mr. Thompson was instrumental in the grading and widening of Lynn street, now the main business street of the city, also in procuring the removal of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad depot to the head of Lynn street. His interest in the county and its welfare is indicated further by his accepting the presidency of the County Agricultural Society for two years. Through his long residence in Nevada he has been active in politics and in the public life of the community. He cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln. Always a firm believer in republican principles, he has served as a delegate to many party conventions, especially the judicial, and has frequently taken the stump in support of its principles and candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have reared to manhood and womanhood six children: Kate E., Frank L., Sylvia L., Clayton A. and Cora A. (twins) and Olive E.

Mr. Thompson was reared in the Congregational church and was Sunday school superintendent, taking an active interest in training the youth in the moral responsibilities of life. Fraternally, he is connected with the Jason D. Ferguson Post, No. 31, G. A. R., of Nevada, was its first adjutant and has been its commander. He organized a camp of Sons of Veterans, which complimented him by naming it "F. D. Thompson Camp." He is the second oldest member of the Odd Fellows society in Nevada, having been allied

with that order for nearly fifty years. He has now passed his seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey.

Mr. Thompson has retired from active practice of the law. However, he maintained an office as an advisory attorney. His has been a most useful, active and honorable life, the community in which he has lived profiting greatly by his labors, his beneficent purpose and his public spirit. He has ever been fearless in defense of his honest convictions and his has been an unblemished character, and throughout Story county no man is held in higher esteem than Frank D. Thompson, after half a century's residence within its borders.

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### JAMES M. HALL.

The success that has been attained by James M. Hall, a general merchant of Collins, is proof of his ability in a line in which he has met with close competition and which has called for rare discrimination and wise management. His store is pronounced by competent judges one of the most complete of the kind, outside of the larger cities, in this part of the state.

He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, August 15, 1852, a son of Henry and Dinah (McClay) Hall, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Henry Hall was left an orphan in his boyhood and was reared in the family of Newton Claypool, moving to Indiana with his benefactors. He learned the tanner's trade and, having decided to seek his fortune in the west, came to Iowa in 1854 and settled near Mitchellville, where he worked upon a farm. He was a man of good habits and of energetic purpose, and he soon acquired sufficient capital to purchase a place, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in the eighty-eighth year of his age. He was a staunch advocate of the republican party and became a prominent factor in the politics of Polk county, holding various township offices and also filling the office of county supervisor.

James M. Hall came with his parents to Iowa in his infancy and was educated in the public schools of this state. He began his business career in a grocery store which his father owned in Peoria, continuing in that establishment until he reached his twenty-second year, when the business was sold to Lee Donnell. After four years' service under Mr. Donnell, Mr. Hall turned his attention to farming and four years later, having decided that nature had not designed him as an agriculturist, he entered the employ of the mercantile firm of Baldwin & Maxwell, at Iowa Center. He made such a good impression upon the firm that at the end of six months he was sent to a branch store at Clyde, Iowa, where he remained for four years, being a portion of the time in charge of the business. He was next called to the Maxwell store and there continued until 1888, when he resigned and came

to Collins, organizing the firm of Hall & Poorbaugh, which engaged successfully in general mercantile business. Several years later Mr. Poorbaugh sold his interest to I. H. Pulis and the business so continued until 1897, when Mr. Hall retired, disposing of his interest to his partner. In 1898 he associated with his brother, Tiffin Hall, in organizing the firm of Hall Brothers, general merchants, which was successfully launched and attracted a fair share of the public patronage. In 1905 our subject purchased the interest of his brother and has since conducted the business independently. He keeps a large and well selected stock and his store is not only a credit to himself but to the community.

In 1873 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Bell, a daughter of Henry Bell, a prominent farmer of Polk county, and of this union seven children have been born, five of whom are now living, namely: Clara, the wife of Henry Denniston, a farmer of Collins township; Charles H., a practicing attorney of Nevada, this state; Grace, now the wife of O. G. Smith, of Nevada; Milo, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Jennie, who is living at home and is attending the Collins high school.

Mr. Hall is an independent republican politically and has served as a member of the town council of Collins and also of the school board. He is identified with Fervent Lodge, No. 513, A. F. & A. M., and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Methodist church. Mr. Hall takes an active interest in church and Sunday school work and for twenty-three years past has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a leading factor in all movements pertaining to the welfare of Collins and vicinity and is recognized as one who has contributed substantially to the progress of the community.

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### OLE J. TWEDT.

Among the extensive landowners and prosperous farmers of Warren township must be placed the name of Ole J. Twedt, who also has the distinction of being one of the early settlers of Story county. He was born in Norway on the 29th of May, 1857, a son of John J. and Carrie (Olson) Twedt, who were also natives of Norway, where the mother died. The father subsequently came to America with his seven children in 1866 and located on a farm in Howard township, Story county, Iowa. Here he was later married to Boleta Enes, also a native of Norway, by whom he had two children, both now deceased. The father died May 6, 1899, at the age of eighty-five years, and his second wife passed away about twenty-three years ago.

Ole J. Twedt was a lad of nine years when his father settled in Story county so that the greater part of his life has been spent here. He at-



tened the district schools of Howard township and remained a member of his father's household until 1885, when he bought one hundred and forty-four acres of land in Warren township, which he began cultivating. His thrift, tireless energy and close application enabled him to add to his holdings another forty acres on section 36, and later he bought one hundred and fifty-four acres on section 13, Warren township, and six acres of timber in Milford township, making his acreage aggregate three hundred and forty-four. In addition to his real estate he is a stockholder and trustee in the McCallsburg State Bank and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of McCallsburg.

Mr. Twedt married Miss Augusta Lein, a daughter of Oscar A. and Elizabeth (Handerland) Lein, both of whom were natives of Norway, where they were married. On coming to the United States they located near Lisbon, Illinois, where they spent three years, and then removed to Story county, Iowa, making their home in Howard township throughout the remainder of their lives. The father was a farmer by occupation. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, including three pairs of twins, and they also adopted one child. Mrs. Twedt was the third in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Twedt have become the parents of four children, three of whom are living, one having died in infancy. The others are as follows: Joseph O., Oscar Eli and Lizzie Adelia, all of whom are at home, and they adopted one child, Knutie A. Lein.

The family attend the services of the Lutheran church, with which the parents are connected by membership. Ever since age has conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Twedt has cast his vote with the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in local political issues and has served in many of the township offices. He is now and has been for six years township trustee. He is one of the well known and highly esteemed men in his community, his integrity being above question and his opinion on all public questions worthy of consideration.

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#### JACOB GUNDER.

Jacob Gunder is a retired farmer of Franklin township and a veteran of the Civil war. In every relation of life his record has commended him to the confidence and good-will of his fellowmen and his life in many respects furnishes an example that is well worthy of emulation. He was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1844, and resided upon a farm there until twelve years of age, when he removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, with his father, Casper Gunder. The mother died when her son was but four years of age and the father married twice afterward. Jacob Gunder was the seventh of eight children born of the first marriage.



At the time of the removal to Whiteside county, Illinois, the family home was established in Genesee township and Jacob Gunder there attended school and aided in the work of the farm until eighteen years of age, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting on the 4th of October, 1862, as a member of Company E, Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served with the Army of the Cumberland for nearly three years or until the close of the war and in the fall of 1863 veteranized with his regiment. He participated in the two days' battle of Shiloh, in the hotly contested engagement of Lookout Mountain and in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta. In fact he went all through the Atlanta campaign, was with Sherman on the march to the sea, proceeded northward through the Carolinas and Virginia and in Washington, following Lee's surrender at Appomattox, participated in the grand review, when the victorious Union troops marched down Pennsylvania avenue amid the cheering thousands who welcomed their return. On the 12th of July, 1865, he received an honorable discharge and returned home with a most creditable military record.

Mr. Gunder joined his father's family in Whiteside county, Illinois, and came with them in October, 1865, to Iowa, the family home being established in Boone county. He remained a resident of that county until 1893, since which time he has lived in Story county. He always followed farming in this state until 1902, when he retired and took up his abode in Gilbert. He raised ten thousand bushels of corn and an equal amount of oats in 1895. He both owned and rented land and has been interested in Minnesota lands until a recent date when he sold. As an Iowa farmer he carefully cultivated his fields and his practical and progressive methods brought him success, which numbered him among the substantial farmers of the western part of the state.

On the 23d of January, 1868, Mr. Gunder was married to Miss Margaret E. Linderode, who was born in Ohio, January 6, 1849, and came to Illinois in childhood with her parents, I. D. and Nancy (Thomas) Linderode. Mr. and Mrs. Gunder have become the parents of nine children: Ida, the wife of Ralph Zwickey, of Minnesota; Alice, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Arthur, who died in infancy; Elmer, who married Jean McDonald, of Forest City, Iowa; Roy, deceased; Clarence, who married Lena Thompson, also of Forest City, Iowa; Dora, the wife of Herbert Smalley, of Boone county; Mabel, the wife of Fred Watts, of Minnesota; and Tillie, also of Minnesota.

Mr. Gunder has always given his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he has won notable and honorable success. In fact he deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. He lost his mother when four years of age and the following year was bound out to a man who ill treated him so that he had no oppor-

tunities for an education or of other kind. When his father found that he was ill treated he sent for him at once, but he had borne ill usage for seven years. Afterward working with his father he at length started out in life on his own account and by persistent energy and determination he has steadily progressed, reaching the goal of success. The prosperity which he attained enables him now to live retired and to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

### MARION LEE OLINGER.

Of the native sons of Story county none is better known or more highly regarded by the community at large than Marion Lee Olinger, who is living on what is known as the old Olinger homestead, being the third generation of the family to occupy this place. He was born on this farm, August 11, 1876. His parents, James M. and Rebecca J. (John) Olinger, were natives of the state of Indiana but came to Iowa at an early day with their respective families. The paternal grandfather, John Olinger, came to Iowa in pioneer days and purchased two hundred acres of land. Returning to Indiana for his family, he then removed to Story county, locating on the farm where he continued to live the remainder of his life. He is buried in the cemetery at Maxwell. When he had attained manhood James M. Olinger bought that portion of the old homestead which contained the house and other improvements and resided here for a number of years. Later he sold the place and purchased another farm in Indian Creek township two and one-half miles farther north, where he continued to live until 1897, when he rented it to his son Marion, removing to Maxwell, where he lived retired until his death in 1907. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and of the Presbyterian church, in which Mrs. Olinger is still a communicant. She was a daughter of John Bowen John, one of the old well known pioneers of Story county, and makes her home in Maxwell.

Marion Lee Olinger lived at home until he had reached the age of twenty years, acquiring an education, assisting in the work of the farm and occupying his leisure time in the manner of most young people. He was a very ambitious young man, however, and before he was old enough to cast a vote assumed the responsibilities of manhood by renting a farm, which he operated for six years. In 1903 he bought eighty acres of land on section 23, Indian Creek township, located two and one-half miles north of his present home, belonging to his father and here he continued to live for three years. At the end of that time he sold this place and bought another eighty acres two miles south, on section 35, but he sold this at the end of a year and bought the farm known as the Bill Veneman farm which he sold the following year. He then migrated to Colorado and bought a

twenty-acre fruit farm in the Uncompahgre valley. He remained here but a short time, however, and then purchased a forty-acre grain ranch, which he very soon sold, and, returning to Story county, he bought the original Olinger homestead.

On the 30th of December, 1896, Mr. Olinger was united in marriage to Miss Edna Amelia Ellis, a daughter of Dr. G. H. Ellis, a prominent dentist of Maxwell, Iowa. Two children have been born of this marriage: Georgena May and Ila Lee.

The family attend the Presbyterian church of which the parents are members. Although he does not take an active part in politics, Mr. Olinger meets the requirements of good citizenship by casting a ballot at each election, his vote being given in support of the candidates of the prohibition party. That he has ever been thrifty, enterprising and ambitious is evidenced by the fact that he has retired from active business at an age when most men are just beginning to obtain a foothold. What he has achieved can be very largely attributed to his sagacity, keen perception and sound judgment. He is ranked as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens of his community and is a highly esteemed and respected member of a family which for half a century has occupied a prominent position in Story county.

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#### T. C. SIME.

T. C. Sime, successfully engaged in farming in Nevada township, where, in connection with his sister, he owns and cultivates two hundred acres of productive and highly improved land, was born near Vossevangen, Norway, September 19, 1856, a son of Colben C. and Betsy (Sime) Sime, who were also natives of that place. In the year 1864 the family sailed for America, made their way to Chicago and thence to Shelby county, Illinois, where they resided for six years. On the expiration of that period they returned to Chicago, where another period of six years was passed, on the expiration of which they removed to Story county, Iowa, settling three miles north of Nevada. After residing there for seven years a removal was made to Hardin county, Iowa, where they remained for fourteen years, at which time the family home was established on what is still known as the Sime farm, adjoining the corporation limits of Nevada on the south. Upon this place the father resided until his death. He was a life-long farmer, always devoting his energies to the work of the fields with the exception of a period spent in Chicago, when he was employed in a planing mill, and a few years of his early life, which was spent upon the ocean as a fisherman off the coast of Norway. That was a very hazardous business, however, and he determined to turn his attention to other pursuits. He found in the new world the opportunities which he sought and

by reason of his unflinching industry became the possessor of a comfortable competence. He died in 1895, while his wife passed away April 20, 1901. Unto him and his wife were born ten children: Jennie, now the wife of I. A. Ringheim, of Nevada; John, who died in Illinois; T. C., of this review; Lewis, who died in Story county; Colben, who died in Hardin county; Sarah, who became the wife of Frank Lee and passed away in Hardin county; Martha, who resides with her brother T. C. Sime; and three who died in infancy.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for T. C. Sime in his boyhood and youth. He worked with his father in the fields and in the public schools acquired his education, devoting his attention to the crops when not busy with his text-books. He continued at home up to the time of his marriage and then engaged in teaching school for a time.

On the 1st of March, 1877, in Nevada, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sime and Miss Fannie J. Patrick, who was born in Kentucky, June 10, 1854, and spent a portion of her girlhood in Illinois, coming from Fulton, that state, to Iowa in 1873. On the paternal side she traces her ancestry back to 1685, when Elder Patrick, a very wealthy gentleman, emigrated to America from the north of Ireland. He had sixteen grandsons, to all of whom he gave college educations, requiring each to select a profession and graduate in the same. Mrs. Sime's grandfather, Dr. Asa Patrick, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1778, but lived the greater part of his life near Toronto, Canada. His son William was a Methodist Episcopal clergyman and for many years, up to the time of his death, was a member of parliament. At that time the seat of government alternated between Toronto and Quebec. Mrs. Sime's father, who was an artist by profession, died during her youth, as did also her mother and brother. Her maternal grandfather, Thomas Exley, was an Englishman by birth, who came to this country in early manhood and established and successfully operated two woolen mills in New Jersey. In 1845, in company with his wife, Betsey, and their children, he removed to Whiteside county, Illinois. His wife was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey, and was the mother of ten children, including Jane, the mother of Mrs. Sime.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sime have been born five children: C. Earl, who is now conducting a sheep ranch near Glendive, Montana; Bessie L., the wife of Wallace Miller, a farmer, of Mitchell, South Dakota; Ella J., the wife of J. L. Krogstad, who is engaged in the lumber business at Winona, Minnesota; Arthur G., who is engaged in conducting a sheep and horse ranch near Glendive, Montana; Nettie E., a student in the State Normal School at Winona, Minnesota.

Mr. Sime has devoted the greater part of his life to farming with the exception of a period of eleven years spent in well drilling and prospecting for coal, during which period he resided in Hubbard, Hardin county, Iowa. He is now the joint owner with his sister Martha of two hundred



acres of land, comprising the old Sime homestead adjoining Nevada on the south, and here he devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance and everything about his place indicates his supervision and progressive methods. He has been a member of the Lutheran church during much of his life and he also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is recognized in the community as a man of sterling worth and high regard is entertained for him by all who know him.

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### JOHN WILLIAM HUFFMAN.

One of the best farms in Indian Creek township belongs to John William Huffman, who has been a resident of this county for the past six years. He is a native of this state, having been born in Iowa county on the 31st of March, 1859. His parents, David S. and Rachel (Ford) Huffman, were both natives of the Buckeye state, the father coming from Belmont county and the mother Harrison county. They were married in Smyrna, Ohio, in 1856 and immediately thereafter came to Iowa, locating on a farm of eighty acres, which two years previously the father had entered from the government. They had driven across the country from Ohio, bringing their few household goods with them, and on arriving here Mr. Huffman, with the assistance of his brother-in-law, J. P. Moore, cut the timber from which, after it had been sawed, they erected a house, which was little more than a shanty but they continued to live in it until they could secure a better and more comfortable home. During the Civil war when the call came for more troops to go to the front in 1864, the father responded and on the 21st of February enlisted in Company I, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteers. The exposure and privations, together with the long marches and hardships of camp life, undermined a constitution inured to the hard life of the frontiersman and on the 25th of July, 1865, he returned home, discharged on account of disability, and here on the 11th of October, 1866, he died of quick consumption.

Much was required of John William Huffman after the death of his father, as he was the oldest member of the family, but he was fully equal to all demands and at the age of fourteen years was practically running the home farm. For eighteen years he continued to operate the farm for his mother, but in 1888 he rented it and for eleven years worked independently.

On the 12th of December, 1888, Mr. Huffman was united in marriage to Miss Ida Huntsberger, of Iowa county, a daughter of John and Mary (Addinger) Huntsberger, who came from their native state of Pennsylvania to Iowa in an early day and after living for several years in Muscatine county they removed to Iowa county, where they resided up to the time of their deaths.



In 1900 Mr. Huffman purchased eighty acres of land in Polk county, Iowa, five miles south of Maxwell, but after living there for five years he traded his place for a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Indian Creek township, this county, where he continues to reside. He owns one of the best improved and most valuable farms in the county and here he raises Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle and is known as one of the successful and substantial agriculturists of Story county.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are the parents of three children: Roy S., who is a senior in the Maxwell high school; Mark R., deceased; and Blanche M., a sophomore in the Maxwell high school. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the parents are members. Mr. Huffman's fraternal relations are confined to the Masonic order, his present membership being in Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M.

The republican party has always claimed his political allegiance, its issues at all times receiving his hearty support. That his party fealty has been appreciated is indicated by the fact that while a citizen of Iowa county he served as township assessor and at the last election in Story county he was elected to the board of township trustees. Although he never neglects his private interests, at the same time he is always ready and willing to fulfill his duties as a citizen by giving such assistance as he can to the furtherance of any movement which promises the betterment of local conditions, and this fact alone would entitle him to the position he holds in the community where he resides.

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### JASON T. STANTON.

As a young man Jason T. Stanton, now seventy-nine years of age and living retired at Collins, became acquainted with the trials and adventures of frontier life. Later he located in Iowa and for forty-five years has been a witness of the development of Jasper and Story counties, being actively identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests. He was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1832, a son of Henry and Minerva (Smith) Stanton, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. They were married in their native state and soon afterward removed to Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and about 1840 to Lake county, Ohio. There Mr. Stanton cleared away the forest and established a farm but later he removed to Geauga county, where he continued until his death, which occurred when he reached the advanced age of ninety-six years. The Stanton family in America is descended from Thomas Stanton who on the 2d of January, 1635, took passage from England on the merchantman Bonaventura and landed in Virginia. Later he removed to Connecticut. Our subject's grandfather, Jason Stanton, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and also of the war of 1812. He was born in Preston, Connecticut,

in 1761, and died at Clinton, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1843. The family is now well distributed over the United States and includes many honorable names in business and professional circles.

Jason T. Stanton received his early education in a log schoolhouse, which was provided with slab benches, puncheon floor and stick chimney, but from such an institution have come many of the noblest characters in American history. After the death of his mother, which occurred when he was a little past eighteen years of age, he started out in life on his own account. Possessing the pioneer instinct, he was attracted to the Minnesota frontier and located a claim upon government land in McLeod county, near the town of Hutchinson. He built a cabin upon his place and while in Minnesota passed through many exciting experiences. He was there at the time when Hutchinson was surrounded by a band of Sioux Indians and a number of the inhabitants were killed. He had previously received an invitation to come into the fort which had been prepared for the protection of the town, but as he had been associated with the Indians on friendly terms he had no fear of them and therefore remained at his cabin. A large band of Sioux in full war regalia camped in the woods in the immediate region of Mr. Stanton's cabin, and he did not hesitate to go out and meet them, being able to extend friendly service to their old chief. He was well received and left entirely unmolested. After spending four years in Minnesota he sold his claim to a brother and returned to Ohio, being subsequently connected with a Mr. Deming in mercantile business in Wayne county, Pennsylvania.

While in the Keystone state he enlisted in 1864 in Company I, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was assigned to duty under General Phil Sheridan, serving under that redoubtable commander for nine months. After receiving his honorable discharge he ran a wholesale merchandise wagon in Ohio, but in 1866 he removed to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and forty acres of land, which he improved and cultivated with highly satisfactory results. In 1892 he retired from active farming and removed to Collins, where he has since lived. He has disposed of his Jasper county farm and now owns a valuable place of one hundred and twenty acres in Collins township, three and one-half miles northwest of the town.

On the 18th of December, 1869, Mr. Stanton was united in marriage to Miss Naomi E. Petefish, a native of Cass county, Illinois, whose parents became residents of Jasper county, Iowa. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, namely: Charles N., who is now living on his father's farm; Cora Belle, deceased; J. T., also deceased; and Jessie M., the wife of W. F. Deming of Hale county, Texas.

Mr. Stanton gives his earnest adherence to the republican party and in Jasper county served for six years most acceptably as justice of the peace. He is not connected with any religious denomination, being friendly to them all, but his estimable wife is an active worker in the Methodist

Protestant church. He is now taking the world easy, having performed his part in the active duties of life, and in possession of a comfortable competence, enjoys the association of his family and friends, being accorded the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

### JOSEPH S. NELSON.

Joseph S. Nelson, a hardware dealer of Cambridge, has conducted an enterprise of this character for the past twelve years and is widely recognized as a successful and representative business man of the town. He has long been a prominent factor in the public life of the community, having acted as mayor of Cambridge for five years and now serving as justice of the peace. His birth occurred in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 25th of March, 1853, his parents being Selert and Jane (Hill) Nelson, who were born, reared and married in Norway. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1848, purchasing and locating on a farm in Kendall county, Illinois, where Mr. Nelson passed away in 1863. He and his wife and a daughter all died of typhoid fever within three weeks of each other.

Joseph S. Nelson was reared under the parental roof, obtaining his early education in the Norwegian schools of his native county. Subsequently he attended the Lutheran College at Decorah, Iowa, studying the English, German, Latin and Norwegian languages. After leaving that institution he came to Story county in 1871 and during the following two years taught in the district schools. On abandoning educational interests he became identified with general agricultural pursuits, being engaged in farming until 1892. In that year he accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Deering Harvester Company, representing the concern for about six years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business on his own account as a hardware merchant, opening a store at Cambridge, where he has remained for the past twelve years, enjoying an extensive patronage.

In 1873 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Thompson, of Lee county, Illinois, by whom he had eight children, four of whom still survive, namely: Jennie, the wife of the Rev. Ole Norem, a Lutheran minister of St. Paul, Minnesota; Amanda, the wife of Carl Anderson, a jeweler of Sioux City, Iowa; Tillie, the wife of Dr. George Ingledue, an osteopathic physician of Sioux City, Iowa; and Andrew, who is now in his senior year at Still College of Des Moines.

Mr. Nelson is a republican in politics and has long been an active worker in the local ranks of the party. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as assessor of Union township for four years, likewise held the office of assessor in Palestine township for a similar period and has

been justice of the peace in both townships. He also acted as mayor of Cambridge for five years and it was during his administration that the city water works were built. Since leaving the mayor's chair he has served continuously as justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial and winning for him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Tabernacle Lodge, No. 452. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. They are highly respected, for the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with that of their acquaintances.

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### HENRY NEWTON BURROUGHS.

Henry Newton Burroughs, a well known resident of Story county, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, on the 3d of December, 1844, a son of Thomas H. and Hannah (Cole) Burroughs. The father was also a native of the Buckeye state, having been born in Fairfield county. The mother was born in Chautauqua county, New York, and accompanied her parents on their removal to Delaware county, Ohio, where she was united in marriage to Thomas H. Burroughs. In 1854 Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs went to what was then termed the west, locating on a farm in Jones county, Iowa, near the Cedar county line, their post-office address was Pioneer. They made their home there for over twenty years and about 1876 removed to Marshall county, where they continued to live until 1891, when they removed to Pocahontas county. Here in 1896 the father died, having passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. The mother is still living at the venerable age of eighty-five years and makes her home with a daughter at Rolfe.

Henry Newton Burroughs was reared on the farm, acquiring his education in the district schools. His introduction to the mysteries of the three "R's" took place in a little log schoolhouse, where rough slab benches served for seats and the rod played a very conspicuous part in the curriculum. Work formed a very important feature in the education of the young people of that period, each member of the family being assigned regular duties which they were expected to perform. Mr. Burroughs remained at home assisting his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty-five years of age, when he engaged in farming for himself, operating a portion of the homestead. At the end of a year he and his brother, A. C. Burroughs, bought two hundred and forty acres in Jones county, which they cultivated in partnership for eighteen years. In 1889 they sold their land and for the following nine years Mr. Burroughs farmed on rented land. In the spring of 1899 he bought eighty acres on section 23, Indian Creek township, this county, and here he has ever since resided. In re-



cent years he has leased the most of his tillable land, doing but little farming himself.

In 1895 Mr. Burroughs was united in marriage to Miss Martha Clementine Byers, of Maxwell, Iowa. They attend the Presbyterian church, in which they hold membership and of which Mr. Burroughs has been an elder for years. He casts his ballot with the democratic party, feeling the policy of that party best subserves the interests of the public at large. He has never aspired to public office as a reward of party fealty but has devoted his life to private rather than public interests. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity through membership in Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Burroughs is one of the representative men of Indian Creek township and by his high standard of life and honorable business dealings has won and held the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

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### ELLIS J. PENFIELD.

Ellis J. Penfield is sole owner and manager of the Bank of Kelley and is also engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in the town. He is one of the most enterprising citizens here, and the spirit of public progress which characterizes his business life is also manifest in his citizenship. His labors have therefore been an element in the growth and development of this community, and his worth is widely acknowledged by his fellow townsmen.

His birth occurred in Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 15th of May, 1873, his parents being F. W. and Betty J. (Natty) Penfield, natives of Tazewell county, Illinois, and of Virginia, respectively. They are now residents of Kelley but for many years the father followed farming, gaining thereby a comfortable competence that now enables him to live retired. Their family numbered two sons and a daughter: L. R., now a resident of Des Moines; Mrs. Esther V. Wood, a widow, who is living with her parents in Kelley; and Ellis J., of this review.

The last named was reared upon the old home farm in the county of his nativity to the age of sixteen years. He attended the public schools of the neighborhood and in vacation periods assisted in the work of the farm as far as age and strength qualified him. In 1889 he went to Wallace, Nebraska, and secured a clerical position in the Wallace Security Bank, where he was employed for six years, gaining comprehensive knowledge of the banking business in its various departments. In 1895 he established his home in Nevada, Iowa, where he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business for a period of seven years. In July, 1902, however, he removed to Kelley and purchased of W. P. Starr the Bank of Kelley, of which he is now sole owner and manager. He maintains a high standard of service to the public, and the bank is regarded as a perfectly safe and reliable finan-



cial institution. It has become the depository of the savings and earnings of many, being now accorded a liberal patronage. Mr. Penfield also engages in the real-estate and insurance business here and in both lines has secured a good clientage. An enterprising spirit characterizes all that he does in business, and he is at all times prompt and reliable, never hesitating or vacillating.

On Christmas day of 1900 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Penfield and Miss Mary L. Banks, who was born in Grant township, this county, in January, 1881, and is a daughter of Henry and Amanda (Taylor) Banks, who are residents of Grant township. Mr. and Mrs. Penfield have an adopted daughter, Genevieve Lucile, who was born January 5, 1909, and became a member of their household when but four days old. Theirs is a hospitable home and Mr. and Mrs. Penfield are prominently known in the best social circles of Kelley and other parts of the county.

In his political views Mr. Penfield has ever been a stalwart republican, giving unflinching support to the party. Upon its ticket he was elected a member of the city council in Nevada, resigning that position upon his removal to Kelley. He has also filled the office of justice of the peace and during most of his residence in Kelley has been mayor of the town, which position he is now filling. His administration is businesslike and progressive and has brought about many needed reforms and improvements in municipal government. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to completion whether in connection with public office or in the pursuit of his private business affairs.

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### SILAS I. McQUISTON.

There are few men in Story county who retain a more vivid recollection of the decade preceding the Civil war than Silas I. McQuiston. For fifty-five years he has been a resident of Iowa, forty-five of which he has spent in Collins township, and his mind carries him back to the time when deer roamed freely on the prairies and wild turkeys were plentiful. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 4, 1833, a son of John and Nancy (Bowers) McQuiston, a record of whom is presented elsewhere in this work in the sketch of Commodore Perry McQuiston.

Silas I. McQuiston was reared under the parental roof and acquired his early education in a log schoolhouse of his native county. In 1853, having received very favorable reports concerning opportunities for farmers in Iowa from several families whom he had known in Lagrange county, Indiana, he came to Jasper county, Iowa, arriving on the 1st day of August. After looking over the country carefully and determining to make this state his permanent home, he started on foot to Chicago, which he thought was the nearest railway terminus from points in the east. He walked with his

gripsack in hand until he reached Mount Morris, Illinois, where he learned from the landlord of the hotel that a railroad had been built through to Rockford, Illinois. He accordingly went to Rockford, from which point he was enabled to journey by rail to Chicago and by the Lake Shore road to his destination, which was in Lagrange county, Indiana. On the 25th of September, 1855, five families set out from Lagrange county with the object of locating in Iowa, the heads of the families being the subject of this review, his brothers, C. P. and William, his mother and a brother-in-law, Samuel Guthrie. The travelers arrived in Jasper county, October 26, coming through with five wagons and ox teams, the trip requiring one month. Upon reaching the last stopping place Mr. McQuiston counted up his earthly possessions and found that his total cash resources amounted to twenty-five cents. For two years he worked by the day at whatever he could find to do. Times were hard for several years before the Civil war and there was little money in the west, Mr. McQuiston recalling the fact that the total amount of money he received during the entire year of 1857 was two dollars. Deer and wild turkeys were plentiful and he kept the larder well supplied with meat. After two years he and his brother C. P., purchased a farm of seventy-eight acres in Jasper county on the Story county line and divided the land, cultivating it separately. Two years later he sold this property and for about five years lived near Greencastle, cultivating rented land. In 1865, having attained a measure of prosperity, he purchased forty acres in Collins township, to which he removed the following spring, this land costing him five dollars per acre. Subsequently he acquired fifty acres adjoining at eighteen dollars per acre and later bought eighteen acres, but disposed of a portion of his land, leaving a farm of one hundred acres, which he cultivated to excellent advantage for many years. He recently disposed of this farm at one hundred dollars per acre and will soon move to Maxwell, where he will live retired. There is an old log house on the farm in a good state of preservation which originally stood in Jasper county. It was purchased by Mr. McQuiston and removed to his farm in 1876.

On the 27th of April, 1855, Mr. McQuiston was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Kester, a daughter of Louis and Mary (Keiser) Kester, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They removed to Lagrange county, Indiana, and in 1856 came to Story county, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McQuiston, five of whom are now living, namely: Ellen, the wife of Thomas Holmes, of Collins; Julia, now Mrs. O. C. Cunningham, of Stuart, Iowa; Emma, the wife of Oscar Shellberg, of Enterprise Iowa; Dollie the wife of Bert Edwards of Des Moines; and Wesley, of Collins township.

Mr. McQuiston, ever since arriving at manhood has given his support to the republican party and although he has not sought public office he has served with recognized ability as a member of the school board and as road supervisor. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist Protestant church and are earnest followers of the Great Master. Mr. McQuiston is

known as a man of clear discrimination and sound judgment who generally succeeds in anything to which he directs his attention. As one of the old residents of the county he has witnessed marvelous changes and may justly be regarded as a valued citizen who is well worthy of prominent mention in a work pertaining to the history of Story county.

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### AMOS HURST.

In Amos Hurst is found an excellent example of the self-made man who, starting out in life on his own account at the age of sixteen years, has since been dependent upon his own resources, working his way upward from a humble financial position to a place of affluence. In time he became the owner of an excellent farm property and in its cultivation and development gained a competence that now enables him to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1839, and is a son of Abram and Anna (Markley) Hurst, who were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and were of German descent. They remained lifelong residents of the Keystone state, and the father devoted the years of manhood to farming. Their family numbered ten children: Amos; Daniel, who is living in Los Angeles, California; John, who died in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Levi, who was killed at Petersburg in 1864 while serving in the Union army; Alfred, deceased; David, who is living in Oberlin, Ohio; Katharine, who died in young womanhood; Hattie, the wife of Dr. Trimmer; Fannie, the deceased wife of William Jobe, of Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Martha Taylor, a widow living in Finley, Ohio. Three of the sons: Daniel, John and Levi, all enlisted for service in the Union army from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. John went to the front as a drummer boy when he was but fifteen years of age; Levi served as a private of the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Pennsylvania; and Daniel was for two and a half years defender of the old flag.

Amos Hurst spent his youthful days in his parents' home to the age of sixteen years and during that period attended the public schools. He then started out in life for himself, working at farm labor by the month until twenty-four or twenty-five years of age. He came to Iowa in 1861, settling in Clinton county, and there in 1865 he was married to Miss Mary Conrad, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1842, a daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Harpster) Conrad, who were also natives of the Keystone state. They came to Iowa when it was still under territorial rule and located on a farm twelve miles west of Center in Clinton county, there spending their remaining days.

Mr. Hurst followed the occupation of farming in Clinton county for a long period and about 1880 came to Story county, settling in Palestine

township where he lived for seven years. He then bought a farm about a mile and a half south of College, in Washington township, and continued its cultivation successfully until about five years ago, when he sold the property and bought his present home just west of the corporation limits of Ames in Washington township. He is now living retired on a five-acre tract of land in the midst of which stands a comfortable and commodious residence. His energy, capable management and determination in former years brought to him the capital that now enables him to live retired. He manages to employ his time in the care of his little place so that idleness does not weigh heavily upon his hands, and yet he has ample leisure for the enjoyment of those interests which are to him a source of pleasure.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurst has been blessed with seven children: John, who is living in Trenton, Nebraska; Martin, of Idaho; Alice, the wife of Arthur Walker, a resident of Boone county; Wilbur H., whose home is in Chadron, Nebraska; Harriett, the wife of Jesse Bennett, of Ames; Carrie, the wife of Eugene Burton, of Ames; and Dan W., of Rapid City, South Dakota. Wilbur H., who has the degree of D. V. M., is in the employ of the United States government as veterinary inspector in an interstate movement for the inspection of live stock. He was graduated from the veterinary department of the Iowa State College in 1902. Dan Hurst, also won the D. V. M. degree at the Iowa State College of which he is a graduate of 1908, and he holds a similar position to that of his brother in South Dakota.

Mr. Hurst has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has held nearly all of the township offices. He also keeps well informed upon the questions and issues of the day, and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, whether in behalf of the community or of individual interests. His course has been marked by steady advancement, and as the architect of his own fortune he has builded wisely and well.

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#### JOHN A. QUAM.

John A. Quam, one of the substantial farmers of Howard township, was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 16th of August, 1870, his parents being John and Lier (Stambusch) Quam. The father was also a native of La Salle county but was of Norwegian extraction. In the family were seven children, five of whom still survive, as follows: Edward, who lives in Howard township; Hannah, deceased; John A., our subject; George, deceased; Luther, a resident of Howard township; William, living in the same township; and Porter, of Pipestone, Minnesota. The father passed away in the county of his nativity in 1880.

The boyhood and youth of John A. Quam were passed on the family homestead in Illinois, while his education was obtained in the district



schools of La Salle county. He left the parental roof at the age of eighteen years and came to Story county, Iowa, and engaged in farming. His great ambition in life was to possess a farm of his own and with this end in view he faithfully applied himself, realizing that material success can never be honorably won save by persistent effort sustained by patient diligence. In time he was rewarded by an accumulation of savings which enabled him to buy his first piece of real estate. By economy and careful attention to details he was able to add to his holdings from time to time until he has obtained the title to two hundred acres of land in Story county. His land is well improved and plentifully stocked, and his fields each year yield a profitable harvest.

Mr. Quam completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Amanda Severson. Seven children have been born of this union, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Francis, Earl, Roy, Lillian and Rosie.

Mr. and Mrs. Quam hold membership in the Lutheran church and he is a staunch supporter of the republican party, feeling that the basic principles of that body best serve the interests of the farming community. He has never taken an active interest in politics, not aspiring to public office, but he fulfills his responsibility as a citizen by casting his ballot at each election for the candidates of the party of his choice. Besides his property interests Mr. Quam is one of the stockholders of the Roland Savings Bank. He has been quite successful and is now able to foresee the time when he can comfortably live retired and enjoy the competence his well spent life has procured.

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### CAPTAIN I. L. SMITH.

There are some men who never seek public prominence nor notoriety who leave, nevertheless, an indelible impress upon the community in which their active lives were passed. Such is the record of Captain I. L. Smith, who was an enterprising business man, a capable and efficient office-holder and faithful friend and devoted husband and father. From 1887 until his demise he was engaged in the abstract, loan and real-estate business in Nevada, and a spirit of diligence and determination brought to him a liberal clientage and secured to him substantial success.

Mr. Smith was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1835, his parents being John H. and Catherine (Dorn) Smith, the former a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, born in 1812, while the mother's birth occurred in Germany in 1813. She came to the United States with her parents in 1819, the family home being established in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where her girlhood days were passed and where she met and married John H. Smith. The latter was a son of Peter Smith, who was



born in the Keystone state and died there at an advanced age. John H. Smith lived for many years in Somerset county, where he died in 1862, his widow becoming a resident of McLean county, Illinois, where she passed away in 1872. In the family of John H. and Catherine (Dorn) Smith there were seven children.

Like the others of the household, Captain I. L. Smith was reared and educated in the town of Berlin, Pennsylvania, no event of especial importance occurring to vary the routine of life for him until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and on the 4th of September, 1861, he joined Company C of the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry as a private. On the organization of the regiment, however, he was appointed orderly sergeant and continued to serve with that rank until February 1, 1863, when he was commissioned captain and commanded his company until mustered out of service on the 12th of September, 1864. He was a valiant and fearless soldier, and his creditable military record entitled him throughout life to recognition for what he had done for his country.

Following his return north after being honorably discharged Captain Smith resolved to seek a home in the middle west and in November, 1864, removed to McLean county, Illinois, where he carried on farming until 1869. At that date he removed to Story county, Iowa, settling at Ames, where he lived until called to public office, at which time he removed to the county seat.

Captain Smith was always an ardent republican and staunchly advocated its political views and belief. He was appointed to the position of deputy clerk of the courts and served in that capacity most acceptably from March, 1875, until January 1, 1877. In the fall of 1876 he was elected clerk of the courts of Story county, and no better testimonial of his fidelity and ability can be given than the fact that he was four times reelected to this office, serving in the clerk's office in all for twelve years. He was a popular official, and his record at all times manifested the wisdom displayed on the part of his fellow townsmen who gave to him their political support.

On the 9th of September, 1857, Captain Smith was united in marriage to Miss Harriet King who was born in Pennsylvania, September 1, 1830, a daughter of John R. and Catherine King, of the Keystone state. Captain and Mrs. Smith became the parents of five children: Marcellus King, a real estate man of Ames, Iowa; Charles C., who is living in Kansas City, Missouri; William L.; Allen O., who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1863, and died in Chicago, March 23, 1868, leaving a widow; and John Henry, of Kansas City. Charles, William L. and John Henry are all connected with the Union Abstract & Guaranty Company, the first named being president, and the last named being vice president of the company.

Captain Smith was a Mason, belonging to Nevada Lodge, No. 99, A. F. & A. M.; Three Times Three Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; and Excalibur

Commandery, K. T. He likewise held membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic, and in those different organizations his death was deeply regretted when, on the 19th of October, 1908, he passed away. He had continued an active factor in the abstract, loan and real-estate business up to the time of his death, and his sterling qualities of heart and mind won him the confidence and respect of colleagues and contemporaries in business, and he was admired by all who met him socially.

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### CHRISTIAN SCHMELLIK.

Among the industrious and progressive farmers of Story county Christian Schmellik should be named, occupying as he does an honored place in the estimation of his neighbors and of the people throughout the community where for many years he has made his home. He was born in Germany, June 9, 1867, a son of John and Mary Schmellik, who brought their family to America, arriving at Colo, Story county, July 7, 1867, the latter part of the journey being accomplished by railroad. The father settled on a farm and continued its cultivation for nearly forty years. On October 19, 1906, he retired from active work and is now living at State Center, Marshall county. There were six children in the family.

Christian Schmellik received his education in the common schools and also attended a German school, becoming thoroughly acquainted with both English and German languages. He was reared on the home farm and continued with his father until thirty years of age. He then settled on the place he now owns on section 11, Sherman township, and has cultivated the land with a success that has produced highly gratifying results. He is a general farmer, raising both grains and stock, which he placed upon the market in excellent condition. He has greatly improved his farm, increasing the beauty of its appearance by handsome buildings and well kept fences, also by shade and ornamental trees, making it one of the pleasing features of the landscape and greatly adding to its value.

On the 10th of June, 1897, Mr. Schmellik was united in marriage at the French Grove Lutheran church to Miss Mary Renza, who was born at Drachhausen, Brandenburg, Germany, March 2, 1875, a daughter of Matthew and Anna (Kalusa) Renza, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany, the mother passing away in 1907 and the father three years later. Mrs. Schmellik came to America, September 7, 1896, with a colony of fifteen persons collected by John Schmellik, the father of our subject, who went to Germany for that purpose. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schmellik, namely: Ruby, who was born May 8, 1898, and is attending the common schools and also a German school; Itvie M., who was born May 5, 1900, and is now in attendance at the district

school; and Mary A., who was born January 27, 1904, and is also attending the district school.

Mr. Schmellik is a faithful member of the Lutheran church of French Grove. He gives his support to the republican party and belongs to the progressive element of that organization, believing that the party has within itself the ability to correct abuses that arise from time to time. Although he has not urged his claims for political honors, he served as roadmaster in 1910 and also for a number of years as constable of the township. He has ever since his boyhood been active and energetic in everything he has undertaken and he has shown a faithfulness in the discharge of his duties as a public officer which merited the approval of the people of the township, irrespective of party. It is scarcely necessary to say that today he has the complete confidence of the community and of a wide circle of friends in his part of the county.

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#### MRS. EMILY WYATT HANDSAKER.

Mrs. Handsaker, one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Nevada, Story county, was born in Indiana in 1838 and is a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Ellsworth) Wyatt, the father being a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. The parents left Indiana and settled in Illinois when Mrs. Handsaker was a child and after about eleven years' residence in the latter state they again removed, this time locating in Story county.

Emily Wyatt was united in marriage to William Handsaker, who was born in England in 1826 and lived in that country until he was twenty-five years old. In 1851 he decided that the United States afforded better opportunities for ambitious young men than the old world and, crossing the ocean, landed in New York. He made his way across the continent to Iowa and on arriving in Story county he bought eighty acres of land in Richland township, upon which he located. He added to his holdings from time to time until he was quite an extensive landowner. He was a very capable man and met with a fair degree of success in his various agricultural pursuits and was able to live retired during the latter years of his life. Before he retired in 1893, he sold all of his realty holdings to his sons and bought a residence in Nevada, where he lived until he passed away March 31, 1907.

Mr. Handsaker was an ardent republican and his popularity in the community in which he lived was indicated by his repeated reelection to the various township offices. He was a very public-spirited man as well as most upright and high principled and was highly esteemed and respected in the township where he spent almost his entire life. He was a

member of the Grange and a communicant of the English Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker were the parents of eight children, of whom six are living, as follows: John Thomas, a resident of Sherman township; William Henry, who lives in Milford township; David, deceased; Horace Greeley, living in Richland township; Joshua Harvey, residing in New Albany township; Sabina Day; Mona, the wife of James Hines; and Mary Ellen, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker became residents of Nevada in 1903 and there she continues to live. She came to Story county when a girl and has spent the greater part of her life in Richland township, where she is highly esteemed and has many friends. She is one of the pioneers of the county and has been an interested observer of the development and progress of the community and can relate many entertaining incidents of the early days before the advent of the railroads.

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### SAMUEL RAY.

Samuel Ray, who is temporarily residing in Indianola, Iowa, was for many years identified with general agricultural pursuits in Story county and still owns four hundred and thirty-four and a half acres of land in Indian Creek and Nevada townships. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of this county, his birth occurring in Indian Creek township on the 1st of January, 1855. Extended mention of his father, Judiah Ray, who was one of the early pioneer settlers of Story county, may be found on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Archibald Ray.

Samuel Ray was reared at home and is indebted to the public schools for the educational advantages which he received in his youth. He was married when twenty-three years of age and subsequently operated the home farm for two years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on a farm of his own across the road from the old home place, being busily engaged in its cultivation until 1908. In that year he removed to Indianola, Iowa, in order that his daughters might have the advantage of a course of study in Simpson College. His residence there is only temporary, however. His property holdings embrace four hundred and thirty-four and a half acres of land in Indian Creek and Nevada townships and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of the county.

On the 10th of March, 1878, Mr. Ray was united in marriage to Miss Martha Kurtz, a daughter of Jacob Kurtz, who came to Story county from Missouri about 1872 and is still living in Iowa Center at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Ray are the parents of six children, namely: Bertha, at home; Frank, who follows farming in Indian Creek



township; and Chester, Mina, Veva and Vera, all of whom are under the parental roof. The two last named are twins.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Ray has supported the men and measures of the democracy but he has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. Those who know him socially find him a genial gentleman, always courteous and manifesting that deference for the opinions of others which ever wins good will and regard in any land or clime.

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### THOR O. HEGLAND.

Among the promising young men of Story county should be named Thor O. Hegland, who for five years past has most acceptably filled the position of cashier of the McCallsburg State Bank, showing a capability which gives brilliant promise as to his future. He is a native of this county, born July 20, 1886, a son of S. O. Hegland, of Roland. He was reared under the favoring influences of farm life and received his early education in the district schools. He was unusually studious and always aimed to be at the head of the class—a position he often succeeded in securing. After leaving the district school he attended school at Decorah, Iowa, and later became a student of the Capital City Commercial College, at Des Moines, taking the complete business course in that institution and graduating with high credit in 1906.

Immediately after returning from Des Moines Mr. Hegland was made cashier of the McCallsburg State Bank, a position he has since filled. Being a young man of fine natural ability and possessing good judgment and clear discrimination, he is well qualified for the responsible position he occupies. He is closely devoted to his work and has gained a reputation in the community as a capable and progressive citizen who is destined to attain a marked degree of success in the field of finances. Naturally endowed with a pleasing appearance, he has a gentlemanly address and possesses the characteristics recognized as most essential in gaining the confidence and respect of others.

Since arriving at voting age he has given his adherence to the republican party, believing that in so doing he is best advancing the permanent interests of the entire country. He is a staunch believer in the Bible and ever since his boyhood has been a consistent member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. It is doubtful whether any man of his age in Story county has won in a higher degree the esteem of those with whom he is associated.



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